

2022
Alumni
AWARDS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 UMBC Alumni Awards! The Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to once again host our signature event in a hybrid format that enables broad participation as we celebrate our awardees. This year, we will recognize inspiring alumni who represent fields ranging from Natural and Mathematical Sciences to Humanities as well as an outstanding faculty member, rising star, and distinguished service recipient. The leadership of our Alumni Awards committee along with the steadfast support of the Alumni Engagement team made tonight's event possible. We look forward to honoring the very best of our alumni as we celebrate our community of inquiring minds.



Brian Frazee '11, M.P.P. '12
President, UMBC Alumni Association Board of Directors

Welcome to the 33rd Alumni Awards. UMBC and the Office of Alumni Engagement are proud to support the Alumni Association Board of Directors in this celebration of excellence. Tonight we recognize eight outstanding alumni and faculty who've made an impact at UMBC, in the communities where they live and work. Thank you for helping us uplift these special awardees tonight. They represent the very best in our alumni community and I hope their stories will inspire and move you as they did for me.



Stanyell Odom, Director, Office of Alumni Engagement



Program

Welcome

Brian Frazee '11, M.P.P. '12

*President, UMBC Alumni Association
Board of Directors*

**Karen Woodward '90 and
Sean McWilliams M.S. '16**

Co-Chairs, Alumni Awards Committee

Presentation of Awards

Rising Star

**Stefanie Mavronis '12, media
& communication studies and
political science**

Engineering & Information Technology

**Josiah Dykstra, Ph.D. '13,
computer science**

Humanities

**Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead,
Ph.D. '09, Language, Literacy,
and Culture**

Natural & Mathematical Sciences

Joy Haley, Ph.D. '01, chemistry

Social and Behavioral Sciences

**Keith Elder, Ph.D. '02,
health policy**

Visual & Performing Arts

McKenzie Chinn '06, theatre

Distinguished Service

**Benjamin Garmoe '13,
political science**

Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Carolyn Forestiere
Professor of Political Science

Closing Remarks

Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby
President, UMBC

Reception

Rising Star



Stefanie Mavronis '12 media & communication studies and political science

*Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Mayor's Office of
Neighborhood Safety and Engagement*

Stefanie Mavronis '12, MCS and political science, is a public servant, first-generation college graduate, and lifelong Baltimorean, born and raised in Dundalk. She currently serves as Chief of Staff at the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE). She previously served as Director of Communication for Mayor Brandon M. Scott. Using her education in politics, public policy, and media, Mavronis has built a career supporting social justice issues and progressive campaigns for change. The media has also recognized her role in Baltimore politics, having appeared in publications such as Maryland Matters and Baltimore Fishbowl, and she won awards for journalism during her time as a producer on the Marc Steiner Show.

From her first days at UMBC it was clear Mavronis, a Sondheim Scholar and Honors College member, was passionate about community organizing. She co-led a student group campaigning for the bookstore to only carry merchandise produced under fair labor standards. This garnered the attention of leadership and led to a shift in the bookstore's purchasing process. Since her time at UMBC, Mavronis has continued to be involved with the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program; connecting with scholars, participating in Scholar Selection Day, and helping to build community in the Sondheim Scholar alumni network. Mavronis has also stayed connected to MCS and American Studies, teaching courses and working closely with faculty and staff.

After UMBC, Mavronis earned her M.P.A. with a certification in Urban Policy and Planning from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). Her work at UMBC and beyond is a shining example of passion and determination.



Engineering & Information Technology



Josiah Dykstra computer science

Technical Fellow, Cybersecurity Collaboration Center, National Security Agency

For 18 years, Josiah Dykstra, Ph.D. '13, computer science, has served in national defense at the National Security Agency (NSA) as a researcher, cybersecurity practitioner, and scholar. In his current role as a Technical Fellow and member of the Senior Executive Service in the Cybersecurity Collaboration Center at NSA, he advises leadership and employees on technical matters and provides overall technical direction on programs and projects that enable cybersecurity for the nation. At the age of 35, he was promoted as one of NSA's youngest members of the Senior Executive Service. He also owns Designer Security, LLC, a cybersecurity consulting firm for private practice healthcare clinics.

Dr. Dykstra has received numerous noteworthy awards, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from former President Barack Obama and the Galileo Award for innovation from the Director of National Intelligence. He received the CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS) fellowship and is one of six people in the SFS Hall of Fame. The author of numerous research papers and two books, including the forthcoming "Cybersecurity Myths and Misconceptions," his work has been cited more than 1,000 times.

Since graduation, Dr. Dykstra continues to advise and consult with UMBC faculty and students in the Cyber Defense Lab, regularly providing feedback about research in progress and giving lectures in the computer science department.

Humanities



Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead, Ph.D. '09

language, literacy, and culture

*Founding Executive Director, The Karson
Institute for Race, Peace & Social Justice, Loyola
University of Maryland*

radio host, Today with Dr. Kaye, WEAA 88.9 FM

Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead, Ph.D. '09, Language, Literacy, and Culture, is an American educator, author, radio host, speaker, and documentary filmmaker who is known as the #blackmommyactivist. She is the founding executive director of The Karson Institute for Race, Peace, & Social Justice, as well as an associate professor of communication and African American Studies at Loyola University Maryland, and the host of Today With Dr. Kaye on WEAA. Her research examines the ways race, class, and gender intersect in American classrooms and political and social environments. Her work has won many awards and recognitions, most recently she received the 2022 Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence (she was the first broadcaster to receive this Award) and she was selected as one of the "Top 100 Women" in Maryland by The Daily Record. In 2021, Dr. Kaye received the Edward R. Murrow Regional Award for Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, the Leaders in Diversity Award from the Baltimore Business Journal and The Amistad Award in recognition of her Outstanding Contribution to the Struggle for Human Rights and Social Justice.

During Whitehead's time at UMBC, she learned how to ask the right questions, questions that have guided her career for more than a decade. Today, Dr. Whitehead is deeply engaged with the Baltimore community, challenging her audiences to think deeply about political, social, and cultural issues. She is a wife and mother of three. In November of 2020, Dr. Whitehead presented at UMBC's 42nd W.E.B. Du Bois Lecture on "Black COVID Stories, Black Lives Matter, and Protest: A Conversation About the Ongoing Struggle for Justice and Change." Dr. Whitehead's humanities scholarship is a model for community engaged research.



Natural & Mathematical Sciences



Joy Haley, Ph.D. '01 **chemistry**

Research Leader, Air Force Research Laboratory

Joy Haley, Ph.D. '01, chemistry, has served the scientific community for more than 20 years at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL). During this time she has been recognized regionally and nationally for her work to promote diversity and women in science. She is a strong advocate for educating young girls on chemistry and showing them that they too can become scientists and engineers. Dr. Haley directs research on nonlinear optical materials and is a recognized expert on organic nonlinear optical materials, understanding detailed structure property relationships over several classes of dyes.

Aside from her work in gender diversity, Dr. Haley has been a trusted STEM leader of numerous youth outreach activities throughout the greater Dayton community for 20 years. She has served on career panels, volunteered to do chemistry demonstrations, and organized experiments with middle school students as part of the AFRL Legacy Program, all with the hope of promoting women in science.

In March of last year, Dr. Haley served as the Chemistry and Biochemistry Departmental speaker during Graduate Research Day, sharing her current research and career journey with graduate students and faculty. She has been heavily involved in this annual event, helping to foster a career development network so that graduate students can identify and secure career opportunities. Dr. Haley is committed to helping UMBC students and giving back through her involvement as an alumna.

Social and Behavioral Sciences



Keith Elder, Ph.D. '02 health policy

*Provost and Executive Vice President,
Mississippi College*

Following his time at UMBC, Keith Elder, Ph.D. '02, health policy, has focused on research providing evidence to help inform health programs, health policy, and health care delivery, particularly in reducing health disparities and inequities. In his current role as Provost and Executive Vice President of Mississippi College, Dr. Elder aims to improve student outcomes, regardless of socioeconomic status or race/ethnicity. Since his appointment in July 2020, he has increased minority applicants by 15% and applicants from international students by 10%.

Dr. Elder's research focus stems from his experience growing up in a small town in Alabama, where he witnessed many Black men living in poverty. The disconnect between the health care needs of these men and the care they received led Dr. Elder to center his research on minority men's health. He's published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, is the Founding Editor in Chief of AIMS Public Health Journal, and a recipient of a New Connections award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Alzheimer's Association, and others. Through his research, teaching, and academic leadership, Dr. Elder has shown how dedicated he is to improving the quality of health care for the most vulnerable populations.



Visual & Performing Arts



McKenzie Chinn '06, **theatre**

Writer, Director, Actor

McKenzie Chinn '06, theatre, is an award-winning actor, poet, and emerging director. She is the writer, producer, and lead actor of the feature film *Olympia*, which premiered at the 2018 LA Film Festival and won multiple awards, including the Audience Award at the 2019 Bentonville Film Festival. Geena Davis' Bentonville Film Foundation selected Chinn as the inaugural recipient of the NBCUniversal filmmaker in support of her short film, *A Real One*, anticipated to release in 2023. She is also a 2021 Sundance Screenwriters and Directors Lab fellow where she developed the feature version of *A Real One* with the support of the Sundance Institute.

Driven by an activist sensibility, Chinn's work often explores the deeply personal ways in which America's social structures impact those who experience marginalization based on their identities, frequently returning to themes around race, gender, class, and sexuality, and putting Black people at the center of the story.

As an actor, Chinn worked extensively on stages from Chicago to DC and Baltimore. On camera, she plays "Jessica" on Fox's "The Big Leap," and has appeared on Fox's "Empire," CBS' "The Red Line," and other television and independent films.

Chinn is an accomplished poet. Her work has appeared in numerous publications and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She is a founding member of the Growing Concerns Poetry Collective. Their releases include two studio albums and a collection published by Candor Arts. Chinn directed the poetrymusic video in support of the group's poem *First You Need a Body*.

Chinn also works as an educator to high school, college, and graduate actors, and is passionate about helping to empower the next generation of American artists - especially young women and young Black and brown artists - to take control of their own narratives, and be the arbiters of their own stories.

Distinguished Services



Benjamin Garmoe '13 **political science**

Professor of Political Science

Benjamin Garmoe '13, political science, is the Salsbury Director of Trial Advocacy at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. In his work at the Carey School of Law, Garmoe directs Maryland Law's nationally-ranked National Trial Team. While he was a student at UMBC, Garmoe became a member of the Mock Trial Team when it returned from inactivity, served as captain, and eventually team President. Today, he serves as the head coach, during which time the team has become nationally recognized when they defeated Yale to win the 2021 National Championship Tournament. He also received the American Mock Trial Association's W. Ward Reynoldson Award for his outstanding coaching ability.

Garmoe came to UMBC as a transfer student, looking for a place where he could be himself and pursue his passions: law and politics. Choosing UMBC turned out to be just what he was looking for, and he's continued to chase those passions in his career, his role as a political science adjunct instructor at UMBC, and his involvement in mock trial advocacy. A member of the Board of Directors for Maryland Youth and the Law, Garmoe serves as chair of the Mock Trial Committee, and is the primary author of the 2020, 2021, and 2022 case packets used across Maryland for high school competition.

Garmoe spends thousands of hours volunteering his time, being there for his students to provide emotional support, coaching, guidance, and even financial support when necessary. He's described as having unwavering dedication to his students and is incredibly invested in their success.



Outstanding Faculty



Carolyn Forestiere

Professor of Political Science

Carolyn Forestiere has been teaching in UMBC's Department of Political Science since 2004. She has won Teacher of the Year in her Department six times, and was named UMBC's Presidential Teaching Professor in 2019. She has also led several study abroad programs in Italy and the United Kingdom, and has been Faculty Chair of the UMBC Undergraduate Research Award committee since 2018.

Forestiere's work in comparative politics has been published in outlets like the *International Political Science Review*, *Politics and Policy*, *Party Politics*, and the *Journal of Legislative Studies*. Her textbook, *Beginning Research in Political Science*, published by Oxford University Press, is currently in its second edition and is considered an essential resource for systematically preparing students for the production of an academic research paper.

Forestiere came to UMBC because she could see it was a campus that believed in the transformative power of education, and wanted to be part of an institution that was on a mission to provide the best education possible for undergraduates. During her time at UMBC, she has supported and championed her students in numerous ways, helping them to stretch their abilities by setting high standards while also respecting their opinions. Students say her door is always open, whether it's for help with their studies, to discuss job opportunities and graduate programs, or to discuss personal issues. It's clear she goes above and beyond, committed to her students and their success.

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translational life science technology

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gender & women's studies, modern languages, and linguistics

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global studies, media & communication studies

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biological science

Mary Miller '23

global studies

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information systems

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Help us continue to transform the lives of students by helping us reach our fundraising goal of \$50,000 this year for the endowment.

Make a gift at the registration table or online at
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The alumni and faculty below represent a distinguished group who've exemplified grit and greatness in their field, their service to UMBC, and in their personal lives. Since 1988, awardees have been acknowledged in these categories: *Alumni Community Leadership, Distinguished Alumnus/a of the Year, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Alumnus/a, Outstanding Alumnus/a Engineering and Technology, Outstanding Alumnus/a Humanities, Outstanding Alumnus/a Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Outstanding Alumnus/a Social and Behavioral Sciences, Outstanding Alumnus/a Visual and Performing Arts, Outstanding Faculty, Outstanding Alumnus/a Social Work, Volunteer of the Year, and Young Alumni Rising Star.*

2021

Dr. Scott Banta '97
 Michael Berardi '19
 Theresa Bruce '09
 Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett '08, M16
 Dr. Letitia Dzirasa '03, M11
 Dr. Michael Hassett, M.P.P. '17, Ph.D. '19
 Christine Osazuwa '11
 Sean Pang '09, M.A. '11
 Deep Patel '19
 Dr. Kaitlyn Sadtler '11
 Dr. Michael Summers*
 Dr. Kate Tracy, M.A. '01, Ph.D. '03, psychology
 Tewodros Melchishua Williams, M.F.A. '00

2019

Vice Admiral Jerome Adams '97, M4
 *Beverly Bickel, M.A. '94, Ph.D. '05
 La Jerne Cornish, Ph.D. '05
 Kelsey Krach '14
 Paul Mangus '86
 Kimberly Patrick '08
 Kim Shelsby '85

2018

Zainab Alkebsi '09
 Mimi (Haw) Dietrich '70
 Kimberly Ellison Taylor '93
 Saira Khan '09
 Mark Doms '86
 Wanda Keyes Heard '79
 Mina Cheon M.F.A. '02
 *Mariajosé Castellanos

2017

Dr. Kafui Dzirasa '01
 Dennis Williams '14
 Dr. Kate Laskowski '06
 Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi '93
 Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, Ph.D. '06
 Dr. Steven Storck '08, M.S. '09, Ph.D. '14
 Lauren Mazzoli '15, M.S. '17
 *Dr. Marc Zupan

2016

Henry Baker '78, Ph.D. '84
 Vince Calhoun, Ph.D. '02
 Dr. Tiffany Holmes, M.F.A. '99
 Joseph Jones, Jr. '06
 Ruby Lu '94
 Galina Madjaroff '08, M.A. '11
 *Dr. Kimberly Moffitt
 Dr. Ian Ralby '02, M.A. '02
 Thomas Sadowski '89

2015

*Dr. Tara Carpenter
 Nicole DeBlase '06
 Andre Gudger '99
 Bryan Kelly '92
 Yoon-Ho Kim, Ph.D. '01
 The Hon. Allan Kittleman '81
 Dr. Lisa Urkevich '86

2014

Michael Adelstein '96
 Isaac Kinde '05
 Donna Lewis '86
 Gib Mason '95
 Kaliopé Parthemos '93
 Dr. Claudia Pearce, M.S. '89, Ph.D. '94
 Hadieh Shafie, M.F.A. '04
 *Dr. Anne Spence

2013

Dr. Mary Loeken, M.S. '80
 Brigitte (Pribnow) Winter '05
 Dr. Sherece West-Scantlebury, Ph.D. '07
 Jeehye Yun '97
 The Hon. Ricardo Zwaig '77

2012

Greg Cangialosi '96
 Stephanie C. Hill '86
 Deborah Randall '94
 Elizabeth Rossman '85
 Dr. Kimani A. Stancil '94
 Christopher Valentino '02, M.S. '06
Special Recognition–
 Freeman A. Hrabowski, III

2011

Delali Dzirasa '04
 Jamie Smith Hopkins '98
 Dr. Ronita L. Marple, Ph.D. '05
 Dr. Ralph Semmel, Ph.D. '92
 Dr. Jeffrey P. Wilkinson '89
 Garrett Wright '01

2010

Dean Alexander '88
 Chad Cradock '97
 Michael George '87
 Aaron Merki '05
 Dr. Michael Nishimura '80, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '89
 Gene Trainor '86
 Vikki Valentine '76



2009

The Hon. Jon S. Cardin,
M.P.S. '96
Dr. James P. Clements '85,
M.S. '91, Ph.D. '93
Jeffrey "Duff" Goldman '97
Gustavo Matheus '90
Laura Pasquini '98
Dr. Crystal C. Watkins-
Johansson '95
Alicia Wilson '04

2008

Eric Conn '85
Kara Lee Corthron '99
The Hon. Marcella Holland '80
Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Ph.D. '02
Stephanie Reel '85
Dr. Reid Thompson '85

2007

Eric Carlton '91
Eli Eisenberg '86
Sheila Lopez '92
Robert Marshall '88
Dr. Joseph McCloskey, M.S. '81,
Ph.D. '83
Patricia Smith '74

2006

Lisa Dickerson '78
Dr. Steven Eidelman '73
The Hon. Diane Jones, M.S. '88
Billy Kemp '95
Michael Oster '74
Donna Stevenson '87

2005

Sheldon Broedel, M.S. '84,
Ph.D. '90
Dr. Sean Carton '90
Brian Dannelly '97
Dr. Renato DiPentima, Ph.D. '84
Walter Kerr '96, M.S. '97
Dr. Yue (Joseph) Wang, Ph.D. '95

2003

Robert Baruch '89
Diane Bell-McKoy '73
Emily Byrne '70
The Hon. Adrienne Jones '76

2002

Dr. Paul Behrens, M.A. '80,
Ph.D. '83
Elsa Collins '95
Dr. Ram Mohan, Ph.D. '92
Michael Rowe '78
C. Emmerson Small '74

2001

Gary Brooks '79
Richard Chisolm '82
Karen Shaheed Johnson '85
Scott Weber '85
William Whiteford '80

2000

Dr. Cheryl Burke-Schwarz '82
Jennifer Anne Cooper '94
Dr. Tayebah Pourmotabbed '86
Jack Suess '81, M.S. '95

1999

Dr. James P.M. Atsides '71
Roosevelt Hairston, Jr. '87
Maureen McCormick '91
Robert Seasonwein '71

1998

Charles Bevins '76, Ph.D. '86
Dr. Diana Fertsch '82
Dr. George Thomas Grace '77
Anita Jackson '80
Stephen Rice '79
Rev. Karin Wagner Walker '85

1997

Richard Foster '73
Rick Moreland '83
Jack Neil '77
Dr. Charles Taylor '73

1996

The Hon. Thomas Dewberry '73
Dr. Kimberly Joseph '83
Dr. Richard Lytel '75
Dr. Yvette Mozie-Ross '88
W. Jack Mullen '72
Dr. Lauren Schnaper '71
Lori Smith-Watson '85

1995

Dr. Jo Ann Argersinger '74
William Glover '90
Dr. Scott Rifkin '81
Dr. Michael Zollicoffer '80

1994

Nathan Chapman, Jr. '80
Dr. Blair Grubb '76
Michele Hayes '85
Bobby Richardson '89

1993

James Andercyk '88
José Barata '79
The Hon. Dana Levitz '70
Ruth Williamson '77

1992

Tyrone Bullock, Sr. '84
Dr. Stephen Vicchio '73
The Hon. David Young '74

1991

Dr. Rita Berndt '71
Edward Hodges '82
Lawrence LaMotte '71

1990

Mary Beth Engelbride '84
Sandra Geest '72
Dr. Paula Grabowski '76
James Wiggins '75

1989

Dr. Robin West '76

1988

Dr. Winston Griner '74

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Retrievers Connect is a networking platform for the UMBC community.

Designed specifically to support and facilitate connections between UMBC students and alumni, this collaboration between UMBC's Alumni Engagement and Career Center teams launched in early 2021. All members of the UMBC community can use Retrievers Connect, including alumni, faculty, staff, students, as well as invited UMBC friends & partners.

Interested in getting involved? Members of Retrievers Connect can reach out to each other for career advice or to (re)connect around a shared interest in a couple of ways. Alumni can reach out to each other, and students have the opportunity to reach out to alumni either one on one, on the general discussion board, or in affinity and industry groups.

Join today to offer or receive career advice from connections, post a job or internship experience, expand your professional network, or connect with other alumni by region or industry.


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The logo for the UMBC Alumni Association. It features the text 'UMBC' in a bold, orange, serif font at the top. Below it, the word 'alumni' is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word 'ASSOCIATION' is written in a bold, orange, uppercase, sans-serif font. The background is a dark grey with a repeating pattern of small, circular, sunburst-like motifs.

UMBC alumni ASSOCIATION

The Retriever Alumni community is 90,000-strong and represented by the UMBC Alumni Association, founded in 1970. The Association is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who support advancing the mission and vision of the association and, by extension, UMBC, through their visibility as alumni leaders and active participants in the ongoing work of the board and its committees.

Learn more at alumni.umbc.edu