



MEDICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

MELA *news*

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What is MELA?

Pronounced *MEH-lah*

MELA means “apple” in Italian

MELA provides leadership and support for the people who advance the education mission of the University of Maryland School of Medicine

MELA is a resource for career development in medical education

MELA promotes and rewards teaching excellence

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL MELA NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter will be distributed to all MELA members via e-mail and a PDF copy will also be available on our [website](#).

The newsletter will highlight faculty excellence in education, educational grant opportunities, abstract submission opportunities, professional development opportunities, lectures, seminars/conferences and award nominations.

1st Annual Education Day

MELA held its first annual education day on November 17, 2021. Over 100 faculty, residents and students attended our virtual event.



The keynote speaker for this event was Dr. Monica Lypton, Vice Dean for Education at Columbia University’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Lypton’s presentation on Antiracism in Medical Education was the highlight of the event.

There were also numerous workshops on various topics such as – foundations for medical education research – responding to discrimination at the bedside – just culture in professionalism – and many others. We are looking forward to our next Education Day on October 18, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8, 2022

UME – GME Education Day [\(click here for CME info & Agenda\)](#)

REGISTER NOW

Workshop space limited!

Early Registration for MELA Members open now.

Registration opens for non-MELA members on 4/18/22

Not a member? See page 3 for link to membership application

Plenary Session: Teaching Clinical Reasoning across UME/GME Continuum



Dr. Gretchen Diemer, Vice Chair of Education for Department of Medicine, Senior Associate Dean of GME and Affiliations, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University

The Education Day will be open to everyone at UMSOM and not limited to the Academy members.

Workshops: Health Equity Rounds, Beyond Feedback Friday, Professional Ethics, Virtual Electives, Effective Mentorship, Writing of LORs and many more. See [website](#) for more details.



Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual MELA Education Day

October 18, 2022

MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Opportunities

*The SOM has the opportunity to nominate one faculty member for the **Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship**.*

Deadline: April 1, 2022

The Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member who has held the assistant professor position no more than three years. The candidate must have demonstrated leadership in the United States in addressing inequities in medical education and health care; demonstrated efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities; and is committed to a career in academic medicine.

If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered for nomination, please send a paragraph about your work in this area along with some thoughts on the project you would fund to Dr. Donna Parker at dparker@som.umaryland.edu or to MELA at MELA@som.umaryland.edu

Opportunities – cont.

Practice of Medicine Course (PoM I and PoM II)

Deadline: March 18, 2022

As you may know, the School of Medicine launched its Renaissance Curriculum in the Fall of 2019. As part of this renewal, the Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) course has been revamped into the Practice of Medicine (POM) course. PoM 1 launched in August 2020 and PoM 2 launched in August 2021. This longitudinal course covers multiple aspects of clinical practice, including history taking, physical examination skills, clinical documentation, ethics, social justice, business of medicine, and other topics.

We are pleased to announce a funding opportunity for a select group of clinical educators to take part in PoM, which will improve the experience of both preceptors and medical students.

*Please reach out to Dr. Norman Retener if interested.
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If you are a program director or an APD of a residency program or fellowship program you are automatically a member of MELA. If you aren't receiving e-mails from MELA please e-mail us at MELA@som.umaryland.edu so you can be put on the mailing list. There is no need to apply.

Wear your MELA lapel pin. If you don't have one – let us know at MELA@som.umaryland.edu



Membership Tiers:

- * Aspiring Educator
- * Core Educator
- * Distinguished Educator

See [website](#) for tier descriptions and to apply

If you would like to acknowledge an educational award recipient, noteworthy accomplishments, opportunities for MELA members, etc. please send the information to MELA@som.umaryland.edu