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INFORMATION OF INTEREST



Jennifer D. Becker, MPH

Jennifer Becker, MPH, Outreach Coordinator at Finger Lakes Children's Environmental Health Center, presents "*Reducing Environmental Exposures: The Seven Best Kid-Friendly Practices*." This presentation will help you learn how to decrease environmental health exposures for children who are especially vulnerable to the effects of harmful substances. Find out how to protect kids where they live and play.

[VIEW PRESENTATION](#)



Irfan Rahman, PhD

Study: Marijuana Users Found to Have Higher Levels of Toxic Metals In Blood and Urine

Irfan Rahman, PhD, Director of Flavor Inhalation Toxicology Research at the University of Rochester Medical Center told *Health* that while the gut contains enzymes that can help the body get rid of heavy metals (particularly lead), the lungs don't have the same system in place. This means inhaling marijuana, by smoking or vaping, may be more damaging than...

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

Gene-environment interaction in
islet serotonin metabolism and
impacts of maternal glucose
regulation

Thu, Oct 26 @ 11:00 AM
URMC | 4-8820



Martha Susiarjo, PhD
Associate Professor, University of Rochester



[SEE FULL SEMINAR CALENDAR](#)

PFAS RESEARCH GROUP INTEREST

Are you involved or interested in PFAS research? Would you like to engage with other PFAS researchers at the University of Rochester?

We would like to start an interdepartmental PFAS research group that unites PFAS researchers of all levels (i.e., faculty, staff scientists, postdocs, graduate students, lab technicians, etc.) across the Medical Center and River Campus. The goal of the group is to share ideas and information, as well as foster collaboration and advance PFAS research at the University of Rochester. If you are interested, please fill out the survey linked below.

Contact Christina Post (christina_post@urmc.rochester.edu) with any questions.

FILL OUT SURVEY

SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES MCGRATH!



Environmental Health Science Center member Dr. James McGrath, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Biomedical Engineering, is one of three recipients, along with Jack Downey, the John Henry Newman Professor of Roman Catholic Studies, and Whitney Gegg-Harrison, Associate Professor in the Writing, Speaking, and Argument

program, of the Goergen Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. They will be honored on **Monday, October 30, 2023, at 4:00 PM** in a ceremony in the **Feldman Ballroom**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARISSA SOBOLEWSKI-TERRY!



Dr. Marissa Sobolewski-Terry, Assistant Professor of Environmental Medicine, has been selected to receive the



the Flaum Atrium.

2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award!

The award will be presented at the Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs Award's upcoming Philosophy Meeting on **Monday, October 30, 2023, at 3:00 PM** in

SPOTLIGHT CONT'D

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANINE CUBELLO!



Dr. Janine Cubello, a Post-doc in the Department of Environmental Medicine, has published a manuscript in *Nutrients* as the first author.

Maternal Iron Deficiency and Environmental Lead (Pb) Exposure Alter the Predictive Value of Blood Pb Levels on Brain Pb Burden in the Offspring in a Dietary Mouse Model: An Important Consideration for Cumulative Risk in Development

by  Janine Cubello ¹ ,  Derrick R. Peterson ² ,  Lu Wang ²  and  Margot Mayer-Proschel ^{3,*} 

[READ JANINE'S WORK](#)

WELL, THAT'S A WRAP!

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