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## UMaine Today



## UMaine celebrates research, creativity and public service with virtual Maine Impact Week

April 6, 2021

Maine Impact Week, an annual showcase of the research, creativity and public service from the University of Maine community, returns with free virtual events throughout the week of April 12.

The series of online programs, to be viewed daily from April 12–16 on the Maine Impact Week [website](#), allow the public to learn about various studies and projects from Maine's sole public research university. The weeklong event includes webinars, panel discussions, challenges and awards.

"Maine Impact Week provides an excellent opportunity to connect with UMaine and gain awareness about the university's latest contributions to social and economic advancement in Maine and beyond," says Kody Varahramyan, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School. "We invite the public to join us for as many of the planned events."

The week will culminate with the 2021 UMaine Student Symposium (UMSS21) starting at 9 a.m. on April 16.

The event will feature exhibits, posters and oral presentations from 569 undergraduate and graduate students that showcase their research and creative works, all delivered through video presentations on the UMSS [website](#). Projects will cover a range of topics in science, the arts, education, engineering, business and more. The symposium this year features a record number of student participants.

Dr. Nirav Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will come



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Dr. Nirav Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will serve as the keynote speaker, delivering his address at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Registration for the symposium is required, and can be done [online](#).

“This annual event is the largest research event in the state with a very diverse and broad range of research connected to every aspect of our lives,” says Ali Abedi, associate vice president of research and director of the Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR). “The opportunity for the general public to engage in a dialogue with UMaine students and learn about UMaine’s impact in the state is priceless.”

Other highlights for Maine Impact Week include:

### **EPIC Discovery Race**

April 12–15

Student teams will compete by completing virtual challenges posted each day to win points, with the top three teams that earn the most winning a monetary award of up to \$500. Winners will be announced at the UMaine Student Symposium awards ceremony.

### **Faculty Mentor Awards**

April 12

The awards recognize faculty from each college for their ability to guide and inspire students. Recipients will be selected from student nominations. Video messages from the winners and nominators will be posted on the Maine Impact Week website on April 12. The winners also will be recognized during the UMSS Awards Ceremony.

### **Big Gig Pitch Competition: Season Finale**

5 p.m. April 13

Three entrepreneurs will propose their early-stage businesses or business ideas to win the \$500 cash prize and the chance to pitch for \$5,000.

### **VEMI Lab Autonomous Vehicle Roundtable**

7 p.m. April 14

The Virtual Environments and Multimodal Interaction Laboratory (VEMI Lab) at UMaine will host an autonomous vehicle roundtable discussion with a [YouTube Live](#) Q&A session. The event will feature lab co-founders Richard Corey and Nicholas Giudice and other transportation experts.

More event details and registration information can be found on the Maine Impact Week [website](#).

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April 13 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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April 13 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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## Maine Impact Week 2021 program highlights

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We are pleased to announce that Maine Impact Week 2021 will occur **April 12th through 16th**. Events will be hosted online and featured on the Maine Impact Week website.

The purpose of Maine Impact Week is to provide an opportunity for the public to gain awareness about the latest efforts by Maine’s research university in contributing to the social and economic advancement of Maine and beyond. Each year features an exciting lineup of participating groups, and events open to the public.

This year during Maine Impact Week several events will be featured:

- [UMaine Student Symposium 2021](#)
- [Research Impact Challenge](#)
- [EPIC Discovery Race](#)
- [Faculty Mentor Impact Awards](#)
- [Microbes and Social Equity spring speaker series](#)
- [Big Gig Pitch Competition: Season Finale](#)
- Virtual tours, live webinars, panel discussions and more

Stay tuned for more details on each event and new ones to the Maine Impact Week calendar!

To see a listing of events go to the [website](#).

# Maine Impact Week

## Maine Impact Week Events 2021

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## What is UMaine MARINE?

April 15 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Virtual Event, Online Programming ME, United States*



Participate in this virtual event to find out about the UMaine MARINE Initiative and learn about current projects. The event will include live feeds from projects around the state and a panel of professionals to answer your questions about UMaine MARINE. Registration is required.

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Activities vary, but typically take anywhere from 5-30 minutes, and can be completed on any internet-enabled device.

These daily “challenges” are designed for researchers to accomplish over the course of one week. However, each activity stands alone and can be completed separately from the others and at a time that is convenient for participants. Throughout the week, participants will also receive tips for staying on top of publishing trends that may benefit their scholarship. All are welcome to participate – the activities may be especially resonant for graduate students and early career scholars.

Please [RSVP to participate](#) in this fun and exciting event!



## Details

**Start:**

[April 12](#)

**End:**

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**Event Categories:**

[Friday, Monday, Thursday, Tuesday, Wednesday](#)

**Website:**

<https://libguides.library.umaine.edu/research-challenge>

## Organizer

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April 13 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm



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April 16



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### Details

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## Welcome to the third annual Faculty Mentor Impact Awards celebration!

We are pleased to be able to recognize and celebrate all UMaine Faculty Mentors in this virtual environment.

Earlier this year, we asked students to nominate faculty members who had an important impact on them and the response was incredible.

Through online videos and announcements, we are featuring the nine faculty members who won **2021 Faculty Mentor Impact Awards**.

Please take a moment to celebrate these -- and all of the faculty -- who are going above and beyond to educate and support UMaine students every day.

Now more than ever, it is important to recognize the dedication our faculty members bring to making the University of Maine have Global Impact with Local Relevance.



### List of Faculty Mentor Awardees:

#### School of Marine Sciences

Kristina Cammen

#### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Shannon McCoy

#### College of Education and Human Development

Kathleen Gillon

#### College of Engineering

## Awardee Spotlight

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**Kristina Cammen**  
Assistant Professor of Marine Mammal Science

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**Aaron Gallant**  
Assistant Professor of Geotechnical Engineering

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**Kathleen Gillon**  
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Aaron Gallant

Karissa Tilbury

Maine Business School

Yonggang "Tim" Lu

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Elizabeth DePoy

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Jim Settele



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Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Winners will be announced at the UMaine Student Symposium Awards Ceremony.

**The First 200 participants to earn a t-shirt badge (by completing challenges) will receive a t-shirt.**

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**This program is open to youth ages 10-18. A zoom link will be provided upon registration.**

\*Please note, by registering for this event youth are expected to participate in the workshop, plant the native seeds we provide, and help our state increase its native plant population. These seeds require specific preparation upon planting in order to germinate.

We will provide 2 types of native seeds, New England Asters and Black-eyed Coneflower, 2 pots, builders sand, and soil for planting. Due to the weight of the soil and the bulk of the pots, we encourage supplies to be picked up at the Oxford County Extension Office.

To register, visit the [UMaine Extension website](#).

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## Details

**Date:**

April 13

**Time:**

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Event Categories:**

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**Website:**

<https://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/native-seed-planting/>

## Organizer

[Sara King](#)

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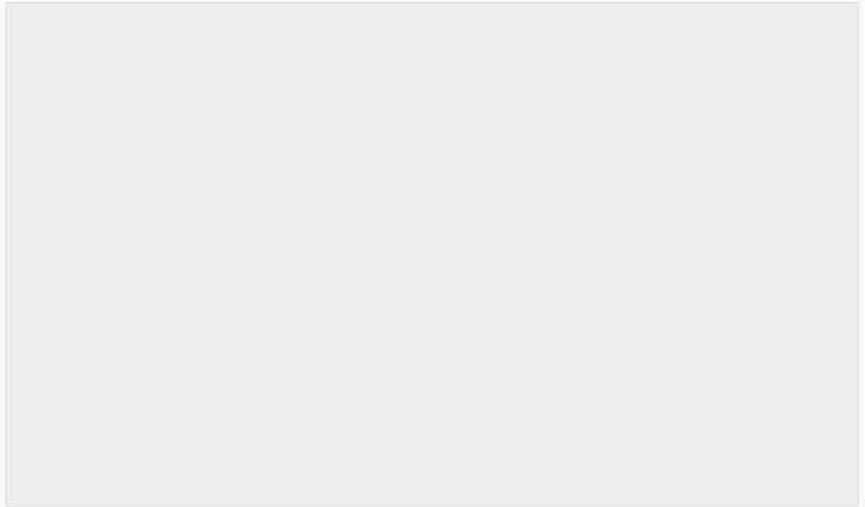
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Big Gig represents a [partnership](#) between a motivated group of municipalities, universities, and organizations in Maine's Penobscot River Valley who work with local innovators and entrepreneurs to create a supportive network and to bring positive change and economic growth to our communities.

To learn more about Big Gig, visit their [website](#).

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April 14 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



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[Registration Link](#)

Title: Investigating Social determinates of Health and Social Equity Among a Homeless Population; a United States-Veteran Microbiome Project (online)

**About the seminar:** In 2019, over half a million people in the United States did not have a place to call home. Research suggests that homeless individuals have higher rates of diet deficiencies, physical and mental health disorders (e.g., infectious diseases, depression), and inadequate health care when compared to those who are stably housed. From a social equity perspective, risk for homelessness is impacted by a range of social determinants including socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity. Here we present the results 16S rRNA and metagenomics analysis from a US Military Veterans who are currently or were previously homeless. To the best of our knowledge, these preliminary results are the first known study of the microbiome among those with a history of homelessness and will likely contribute to a

better understanding of interactions among social determinates of health, social equity, the human microbiome, and human health.

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**Website:**

<https://umaine.edu/medicine/seminars-2/>

### Organizer

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[Registration](#) is required.

**Wednesday, April 14th, 1-2 pm**

### Panelists:

Dulcinea Groff, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wyoming (PhD EES 2018)

Evan Chase, Middle School Teacher, Kennebunk (BS Physics 2011, MS Teaching 2013)

Robert Lindyberg, Chief Executive Officer, Global Secure Shipping (MS/PhD Civil Eng 1997/2000)

### Moderator:

Dr. Jacquelyn Gill, Associate Professor of Terrestrial Paleoecology

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Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and interact with the panel after the discussion to learn more about current research and the future of autonomous vehicle technology.

Link to the YouTube live presentation: [https://youtu.be/EC\\_rZ1sBho](https://youtu.be/EC_rZ1sBho)

Those interested in watching or participating in the round table and Q&A simply need to follow the link and sign in to their YouTube account to ask questions.

### Special Guests:

**Katherine Freund**

Founder and President

ITN America

**Jonathan Rubin**

Director

Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center

**Dale Peabody**

Transportation Research Engineer

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**Wednesday, April 15th, 11-Noon**

Panelists:

- Anna-Maria Dagher, Contact Tracer, Maine CDC (BS Biochemistry 2019)
- Allison Dorko, Professor of Math, Oklahoma State University (BS Kinesiology 2019, MS Teaching 2012)
- Cynthia Thielen, Administrative Specialist, Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (BA Journalism 2017)
- Robert Kitchin, Director of Instructional Services, University of Maine at Augusta (BA Social Work 1992, MSW 2007)

Moderator:

Hannah Allen, Engineer, Advanced Structures and Composites Center

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### Venue

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### Organizer

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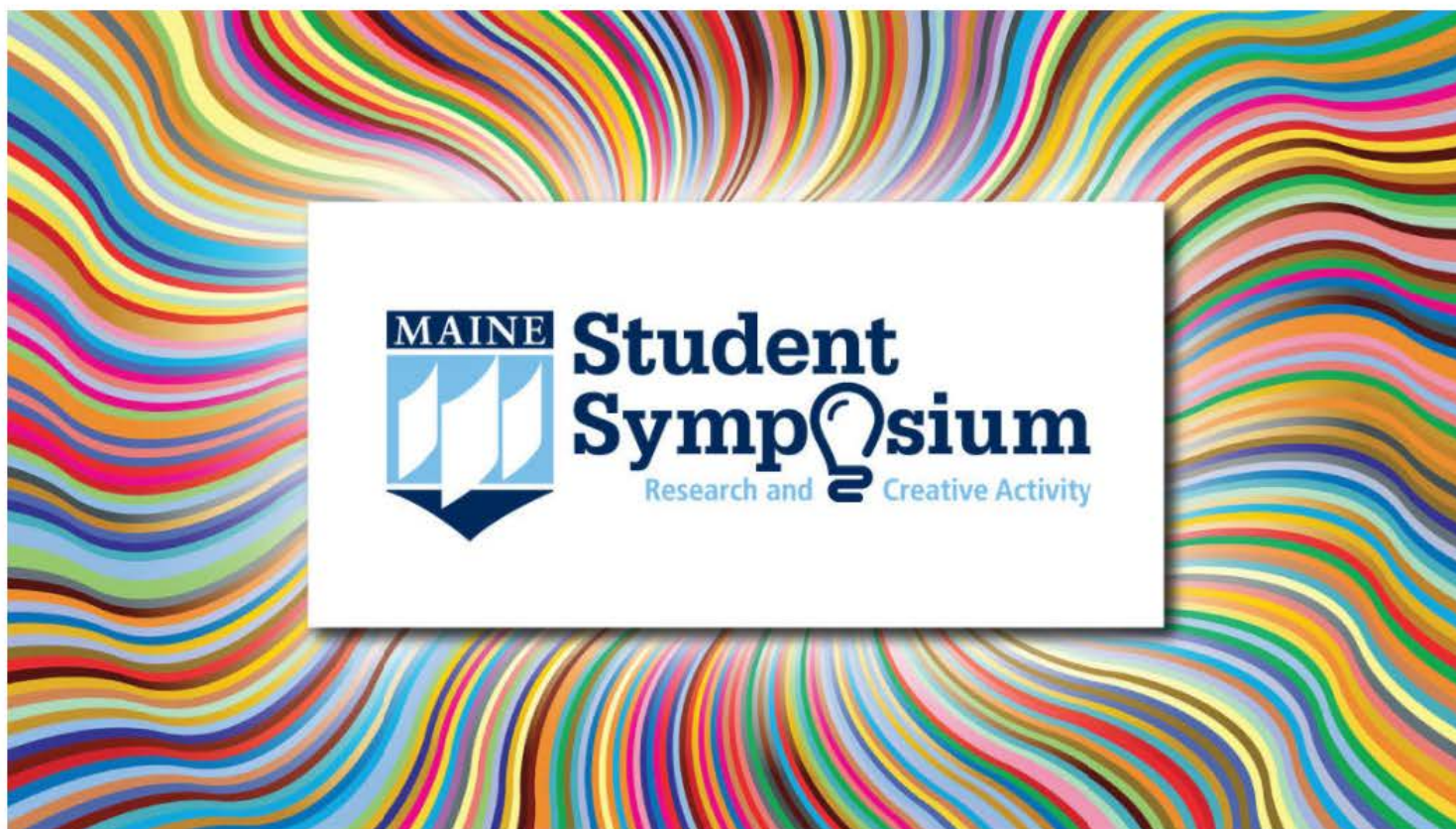
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## 2021 UMaine Student Symposium

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At the University of Maine, students inspire creativity and leadership in the discovery of new knowledge that makes a direct difference to the people of Maine.

Engage with UMaine students as they present their research and creative work at the 2021 UMaine Student Symposium (UMSS21). **Projects will be showcased virtually as posters, exhibits, oral presentations, and more.**

Interested in participating? Visit the [UMSS website](#) for more information. Learn how UMaine research and creativity impacts you at this annual event, to be held on Friday, April 16th, 2021.

**UMSS is free and open to the public. [Register now!](#)**



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### MFA EXHIBITION: CREATIVITY VS. COVID



Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers have been working to develop tests, treatments, and vaccines to better protect us and ease the public health crisis. An international collective of university students, artists, and access to medicine advocates has also been working to make sure those treatments are available to everyone, no matter where they live or how much money they have.

University of Maine will be the first university to host an international physical art exhibit called [Creativity vs COVID: Ending the Pandemic for Good](#). This exhibit began online on Feb. 1 and provides access to information on the COVID vaccine as well as information about where the physical exhibit will take place. The virtual exhibit will run from February through April.

Beginning on March 1, physical art pieces from all over the US, as well as other countries including Great Britain, France and Germany, will be housed at the IMRC at the University of Maine. This exhibit will be open to the public for viewing. These pieces will leave on April 16, where it will then be housed at other institutions.

This exhibit shares creative work from the Free the Vaccine for Covid-19 collective, from handmade gifts to parody music videos. It introduces audiences to key issues that limit access to medicine and provides robust methods anyone can use to advocate for change from anywhere, especially at this time of social distancing.

The artwork is on display at the [IMRC](#) from February 1st through April 16th.

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER UMSS21: DR. NIRAV SHAH, M.D., J.D.

*Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

On Friday, April 16, Dr. Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D, the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention will be the keynote speaker at the UMaine Student Symposium 2021.

Shah began working as the Director of the Maine CDC in 2019. He provides expertise, information and guidance to ensure that Maine people can be healthy. Prior to his work in Maine, Shah was the director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. He received his M.D. and J.D. at the University of Chicago.

This event will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Zoom.

**Guests must register to attend prior to the event. To register, click [here](#).**

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### PATHWAYS TO COMMERCIALIZATION OF MEDICAL PRODUCTS OR DEVICES SPEAKER: MICHAEL MASON, PH.D.

*Professor, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering*

Biomedical scientists and engineers are often driven to see their research result in measurable health outcomes. Despite this motivation, fewer than 30% of health related innovations (or associated IP) are ever implemented. Studies show that the adoption of new healthcare related technologies is substantially more successful when researchers and inventors are directly engaged throughout the commercialization process. At the same time, most of us have little or no idea how to navigate the commercialization process, or its connection to applied research. In this mostly non-technical presentation I will chronicle my own attempts at the development and commercialization of various devices, materials, and nanotechnologies. We will also reflect on how evolving critical care needs and a collapsing regional and national supply chain, especially in the first months of the pandemic, drove the formation of efficient public-private collaborations. While UMaine has a long history of collaborating with external partners through its research centers, new initiatives to support faculty innovation present opportunities for collaboration. Engagement in these activities has the potential to significantly increase research impact and catalyze medical innovation.

**Speaker:** Michael Mason, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, University of Maine. Dr. Mason is a Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering and the Associate Director of the Graduate School of Biomedical Science and Engineering.



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