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## Michael Kochman: Wilmott Family Professor of Medicine



*Left to right: Michael Kochman, with Nancy Barna and Timothy Wilmott*

ceived in academics include the ability to influence the current and next generation of gastroenterologists," said Dr. Kochman. "The Wilmott Professorship will allow the chair holder to explore individual areas of interest and to devote additional time to the mentorship and training of the next generation who will surpass us—as my children will surpass me."

Dr. Kochman holds appointments in both the department of medicine and the department of surgery. He is also the co-director of Gastrointestinal (GI) Oncology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and directs Penn's endoscopic ultrasound screening program for high-risk patients. He is the endoscopy training director and instructs fellows in advanced endoscopic procedures.

Early in his career Dr. Kochman helped develop a technique that is now the universally accepted modality for diagnosing and staging both GI and non-GI malignancies. He is currently developing novel procedures in animal models that he expects will lead to better, minimally invasive treatments for patients with gastrointestinal malignancies.

Mr. Wilmott and Dr. Barna established the Wilmott Family Professorship to recognize Dr. Kochman's exceptional contributions as a physician, and to support the clinical and research pursuits of a gastroenterologist at Penn in perpetuity. A 1987 graduate of the Wharton School, Mr. Wilmott is president and chief operating officer of Penn National Gaming, Inc., an operator of horse racing and casino gaming facilities in the United States and Canada.

"In a tough economic climate like we're experiencing, I cannot imagine a better return on investment than Dr. Kochman and Penn," said Mr. Wilmott.

Dr. Kochman completed medical school, internship residency, and chief residency at the University of Illinois Medical Center, and completed fellowships at Indiana University School of Medicine and the University of Michigan Hospital. He joined the Penn Medicine faculty in 1993, where he divides his time between teaching, research, and a busy clinical practice.

## The Concord Coalition's Fiscal Wake-Up Tour

The Fiscal Wake-Up Tour, a national series of town-hall forums focusing on the country's long-term fiscal challenges, is coming to Penn tonight at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Flags, Houston Hall. The Concord Coalition—a nonpartisan political advocacy group—is sponsoring the tour which aims to explain in plain terms why budget analysts of diverse perspectives are increasingly alarmed by the nation's fiscal outlook. The Fiscal Wake-Up Tour has been profiled on *60 Minutes* and in a recent documentary featuring Penn students, *I.O.U.S.A.*

*Participating in the Forum will be:*

- David M. Walker, president and CEO, Peter G. Peterson Foundation; former comptroller general of the United States;
- Alice Rivlin; director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution, former director of the US Office of Management and Budget and vice chair of the Federal Reserve;
- Robert Bixby, executive director, The Concord Coalition;
- Stuart Butler, vice president, domestic and economic policy studies, Heritage Foundation.

The event is co-sponsored by Penn's Annenberg School for Communication; the political science department, Fels Institute of Government and the Fox Leadership Program in the School of Arts and Sciences; and the Wharton School's business and public policy department.

## Marsha Lester: Edmund J. Kahn Distinguished Professor



*Marsha Lester*

computations focus on reactions of the hydroxyl radical, the key initiator of oxidation chemistry in atmospheric and combustion environments.

Recently named a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and editor of the *Journal of Chemical Physics*, Dr. Lester is the recipient of many awards and honors—including a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, the Bourke Lectureship of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award. Dr. Lester received her doctorate from Columbia University in 1981, and joined the Penn faculty in 1982.

Recognizing a scholar of unusual distinction who provides leadership in research and teaching in order to create and sustain academic excellence, the Edmund J. Kahn Distinguished Professorship was established in 1986 by Louise W. Kahn in memory of her husband, Edmund J. Kahn, W'25, who worked in the oil and natural gas industry. The Kahns were philanthropists who gave generously to the University.

## Race and the Presidential Election

On Tuesday, October 21, Dr. Rogers Smith, professor of political science and chair of the Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism, will discuss the 2008 presidential election and the role race plays in American politics. Dr. Smith's research centers on American political thought and modern legal and political theory, with special interests in questions of citizenship, race, ethnicity and gender. The Penn Science Café lecture series is free and open to the public; it will be held at La Terrasse at 6 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Menu items will be available for purchase.

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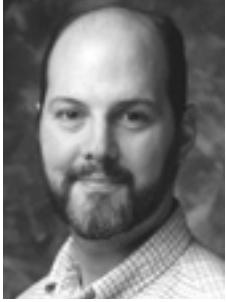
Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 4 p.m., Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

- I. Approval of the minutes of September 24, 2008 (1 minute).
- II. Follow-up comments or questions on Status Reports (10 minutes).
- III. Presentation by the President and other administrators on the State of the University.  
Presentation and discussion (45 minutes).
- IV. Discussion of campus life issues (20 minutes).
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

## Deaths

### Dr. Finkel, Bioengineering

Dr. Leif Finkel, professor of bioengineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, passed away October 7 at the age of 54, following a long illness.



Leif Finkel

With expertise in neuroscience and neuroengineering, Dr. Finkel focused his attention on the computational mechanisms underlying visual perception, trying to understand how visual processes can be integrated based on cortical connectivity. He also worked on the applications of neu-

roengineering to disease, starting from the cellular and molecular levels to develop models of the hippocampus, striatum and prefrontal cortex with applications to epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, and schizophrenia.

Dr. Finkel majored in physics at the University of Maryland, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1976. His two graduate degrees were from Penn: an MD in 1981 and a PhD in biophysics in 1985. His advisor was Nobel Laureate and Penn graduate Dr. Gerald Edelman, who was then at the Rockefeller University and later became the founding director of the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla.

Dr. Finkel joined Rockefeller University as an assistant professor in 1985, was recruited back to Penn in 1989, tenured in 1995 and promoted to professor in 1998. At Penn, he became a strong link between engineering and numerous neuroscience researchers in the School of Medicine, with whom he collaborated widely. He built a world-class laboratory in neuroengineering, published more than 90 papers, proceedings and book chapters, gave countless lectures, mentored 17 doctoral students, 5 masters students and 6 post-doctoral fellows, and raised a large amount of grant support. SEAS Dean Eduardo Glandt said, "we have lost an extraordinary scientist, teacher and friend."

Among Dr. Finkel's many honors was the 1996 Faculty Recognition Award of the Institute of Neurological Sciences, which was only presented several times in the 40-year history of the Institute. It was given to him in recognition of "Contributions to developing computational neuroscience at Penn, talent and contagious enthusiasm for science, extraordinary efforts and skills as a teacher, generosity in the services of the Institute and the neuroscience community at Penn and for the overall high regard in which he is held by his colleagues."

In 2006, he was awarded SEAS's highest teaching honor, the S. Reid Warren, Jr. Award. Last spring, he was their recipient of the Award for Faculty Advising.

Dr. Finkel is survived by his wife, Gloria; and three sons, Jacob, Daniel and Benjamin.

A campus memorial service is being planned.

### Dr. Samaha, Medicine

Dr. Frederick (Rick) Samaha, associate professor of medicine and chief of cardiology at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, died from brain cancer on August 26; he was 47.

In the ten years since he joined the Penn faculty in 1998, Dr. Samaha transformed the division of cardiology at the VA Hospital. Under his leadership, the cardiology division established nationally-recognized programs in cardiovascular medicine and clinical research. Dr. Samaha was recognized for these achievements, receiving the Scissor Award in 2000, the highest award from the national Veterans Administration.

Dr. Samaha was a leader in academic cardiology. His research studies examined the effect of diet and metabolic status on heart disease. His study comparing low fat and low carbohydrate diets was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 2003. This important study influenced dietary recommendations of cardiologists and nutritionists across the US. For the past several years, Dr. Samaha had been examining the interplay of diet, diabetes and heart disease. Earlier this year, Dr. Samaha was first author of a manuscript in *Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine* comparing inhibition of microsomal triglyceride transfer protein alone or with ezetimibe in patients with moderate hypercholesterolemia.

"In the 20 months since Rick was first diagnosed with cancer, he continued to oversee the activities of the division of cardiology at the Philadelphia VA Hospital, write manuscripts and apply for (and receive) grants from the NIH. Remarkably, in 2007 and 2008, Rick was author or co-author of 12 manuscripts," said Dr. Michael S. Parmacek, Herbert C. Rorer Professor of Medical Sciences and chief of the division of cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Samaha earned his undergraduate degree from Kenyon College in 1983 and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1987, where he was honored with its Distinguished Alumni Award last year.

Dr. Samaha is survived by his wife, Dr. Carol Chou, clinical assistant professor of medicine in the division of general medicine; children, Alexander and Sophie; parents, Frederick and Claire; sister, Dr. Michelle Kennedy; and brother, James.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Friends School of Haverford, 851 Buck Lane, Haverford, PA 19041; The Radnor Monthly Meeting, Conestoga Road & Route 320, Radnor, PA 19087; or the Brain Tumor Society's Race for Hope under Team Rick Samaha, [www.tbts.org](http://www.tbts.org).

## Trustees Fall Meetings

October 30-31, 2008

Meetings will be held at the Inn at Penn.

Thursday, October 30

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Facilities & Campus Planning Committee

2-3:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Initiatives Committee

Student Life Committee

3:45-5:15 p.m.

Academic Policy Committee

Budget & Finance Committee

External Affairs Committee

Friday, October 31

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Stated Meeting of the Trustees

Members of the Penn community may register their interest in attending, (215) 898-7005.

## Kelly Writers House: Live Webcasts

An anonymous gift has allowed the Kelly Writers House to acquire state-of-the-art video equipment, so that they can now easily webcast Writers House events going on in the Arts Cafe: readings, seminars, recording sessions, and happenings. (They have produced webcasts since 1999: <http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/webcasts>—but with the new camera and computer, they have essentially automated the process).

By logging in, viewers can see live video of what is happening at KWH. The schedule of events that they plan to webcast is below. To view an event, go to <http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/webcasts/instructions.html>. With Quicktime installed, click "Start webcast" from this page. For technical assistance, or feedback, e-mail [wh@writing.upenn.edu](mailto:wh@writing.upenn.edu) or call (215) 573-9748.

### KWH-TV Schedule

*Tom Moon and Anthony DeCurtis*—October 16, 6 p.m.; music critics Tom Moon and Anthony DeCurtis discuss Mr. Moon's book, *1000 Recordings To Hear Before You Die*.

*Jim Shepard*—October 21, 6 p.m.; novelist Jim Shepard reads from his work.

*Alumni Sportswriting Panel*—November 1, 4:30 p.m.; "Extreme Sportswriting," a discussion with Stefan Fatsis, Buzz Bissinger, & Jon Wertheim, moderated by Stephen Fried.

*The New York Poets*—November 4, 1:30 p.m.; Al Filreis and students of English 88 (modern and contemporary poetry) discuss the New York School: Ashbery, O'Hara, Koch and others.

*Emily Dickinson Webinar*—November 10, 7 p.m.; interactive "webinar" led by Al Filreis and Jessica Lowenthal allows viewers to participate in a discussion of an Emily Dickinson poem via phone and internet. To participate, e-mail [wh@writing.upenn.edu](mailto:wh@writing.upenn.edu) or call (215) 573-9748.

*Celebration of William Carlos Williams*—November 11, 6 p.m.; celebrate the 125th birthday of William Carlos Williams; talks and readings by Sarah Dowling, Erica Kaufman, Pattie McCarthy, Jena Osman, and Elizabeth Scanlon.

*David Von Drehle & Gene Weingarten*—November 12, 6 p.m.; Paul Hendrickson will lead a freewheeling conversation with journalists David Von Drehle and Gene Weingarten.

*Ashbery and The Non-Narrative*—November 13, 1:30 p.m.; Al Filreis and students of English 88 discuss the poetry of John Ashbery.

*Breyten Breytenbach*—December 4, 6 p.m.; South African poet, painter, essayist, and activist will read from his work as part of the Provost's *Writers without Borders* series.

# Honors & Other Things

## Penn 11th in World Rankings

The University of Pennsylvania is the 11th strongest University in the world, according to the World University Rankings published last week by *Times Higher Education* and QS Quacquarelli Symonds. This year's ranking is three places higher than its 2007 slot.

"Rankings can only touch the surface in telling the story of a university, but it is nonetheless satisfying to see Penn listed among the world's truly exceptional institutions of higher education. We are in great global company, and we are well-positioned to be ever more global in our academic strengths and outreach," said President Amy Gutmann.

This year's rankings were produced from a peer review in which over 6,000 academics around the world took part, as did more than 2,000 employers of graduates. It also uses data on research, teaching, and the international orientation of universities to produce the biggest analysis ever carried out of the world's top universities. The full rankings are available at [www.timeshighereducation.co.uk](http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk).

## Dr. Cai: Statistics Award

Dr. Tony Cai, Dorothy Silberberg Professor of Statistics in the Wharton School, is the recipient of the 2008 Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies Presidents' Award. The COPSS award is one of the highest honors in the field of statistics. It is bestowed upon a person under the age of 40 for outstanding contributions to statistics.

## Dr. Coleman: Academy of Nursing

Dr. Christopher Coleman, assistant professor of nursing and assistant professor of nursing in psychiatry, has been named a fellow to the American Academy of Nursing. His research centers on the study of HIV-related risk behaviors in African-American men, middle-aged and older.

## Dr. Delli Carpini: APSA Award

Dr. Michael X. Delli Carpini, Walter H. Annenberg Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication, has been honored with the 2008 Murray Edelman Distinguished Career Award, presented by the American Political Science Association's Political Communication Section. "As author (with Scott Keeter) of *What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters*, Michael has helped to advance and re-orient the study of public opinion and democracy," said Dr. Robert Entman, chair of the award committee.

## Wistar Institute: Cancer Gold Standard

The Wistar Institute earned the CEO Cancer Gold Standard accreditation from the CEO Roundtable on Cancer in recognition of its efforts to improve the health of employees and their families and reduce their risks of cancer. Wistar is an international leader in biomedical research in cancer research and vaccine development.

## Dr. Fagin: Vice Chair of NSCLC Board

Dr. Claire M. Fagin, dean emerita and professor emerita of nursing, is vice chair of the Board of the National Senior Citizens Law Center (NSCLC). The organization advocates nationwide to promote the independence and well-being of low-income elderly and disabled Americans.

In addition, Dr. Fagin and her husband Samuel L. Fagin both have cameo roles in the movie *Made of Honor*, where they play an older couple in a row boat. The movie is now on DVD.

## Dr. Holub: Penn-Made President

Dr. Robert C. Holub, C'71, became the chancellor of the University of Massachusetts—Amherst in August. Dr. Holub earned his bachelor's degree in natural science from Penn. Previously, he served as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs for two years at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. For more Penn-made presidents, visit [www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v53/n23/pennpres.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v53/n23/pennpres.html).

## Dr. Lee: Franklin Founder Award

Dr. Virginia M.-Y. Lee is a recipient of the 2008 Franklin Founder Award. The award was presented by the Friends of Franklin, Inc. for her work as an "internationally recognized" woman of science. Dr. Lee is the John H. Ware 3rd Professor in Alzheimer's Research, director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and co-director of the Marian S. Ware Center for Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Program.

## New Members: Institute of Medicine

Four members of the faculty have been elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievements and commitment to service.

Dr. Jean Bennett, professor of ophthalmology and cell and developmental biology, School of Medicine

Dr. Jonathan A. Epstein, professor and chair, department of cell and developmental biology, School of Medicine

Dr. Gary A. Koretzky, director of signal transduction and investigator, Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute; Leonard Jarett Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, School of Medicine; and chief, division of rheumatology

Dr. Linda A. McCauley, Nightingale Professor in Nursing and associate dean for nursing research, School of Nursing



Claire Fagin

## Dr. Noma: New Innovator Award

Dr. Ken-ichi Noma, assistant professor in Wistar's Gene Expression and Regulation Program, has been honored with a National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Award and a grant from the NIH. His research provided a novel approach to understanding genetic causes of human disease and may aid in the development of new diagnostic tests and treatment.

## Dr. Sweeney: PA Racing Commission

Governor Edward G. Rendell has appointed Dr. Corinne Sweeney chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Racing Commission. Dr. Sweeney is a professor of medicine at New Bolton Center and serves as chief operating officer for the University of Pennsylvania's George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals.

## Dr. Taylor: FTD Grant

Dr. J. Paul Taylor, assistant professor of neurology, has been awarded a research grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Association for Frontotemporal Dementias. Dr. Taylor will apply the award to expand his research work with the fruit fly model for TDP-43-related Frontotemporal dementia (FTD).

## Dr. Winey: NSF Creativity Award

Dr. Karen Winey, professor of materials science and engineering and chemical and biomolecular engineering in SEAS, has been honored with a Creativity Award from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Winey is recognized for her pioneering work in ion-containing polymers. She will use the funding to investigate the behavior of ion-containing polymers at elevated temperatures, in high humidity environments and under applied electric fields.

## Apker Award for Physics and Alum

Penn graduate Sujit Datta is this year's recipient of The Leroy Apker Award of the American Physical Society. Two Apker Awards are given annually to recognize outstanding achievements in physics by undergraduate students. The award consists of \$5,000 to the recipient, and an allowance for travel to the APS meeting at which the award is presented. In addition, the Penn physics department will receive a \$5,000 award to support undergraduate research.

As an undergraduate at Penn, Mr. Datta studied the physics of electrons at the nanoscale in Dr. A. T. Charlie Johnson's group. Mr. Datta graduated in May 2008 with BA and MS degrees in physics, and a BA in mathematics. He is now pursuing a PhD in physics at Harvard University.



Corinne Sweeney



Karen Winey

All across America, academics and athletes alike are accustomed to an array of acronyms—BA, BS, JD, MBA, MD, MSW, PhD, RN, AAUP, ACE, NCAA, NBA, NFL, NHL, USTA—and at Penn an abundance of acronyms abounds and confounds.

For instance there is PennSTAR, ISTAR and STAAR.

Below is an admittedly partial list of some of the many Penn acronyms, some have been around for decades and others are relatively new to the University.

## A Primer of the Plethora of Penn Acronyms—From A to Z

**AARC:** African-American Resource Center, provides services, counseling, mediation, advocacy and debriefings to any member of the Penn community, with a particular focus on those of African descent.

**ACASA:** Ackoff Center for Advancement of Systems Approaches, a think-tank created in 2000 by SEAS.

**ACELA:** La Asociación Cultural de Estudiantes Latino Americanos, a student-run organization, established in 1947, based in La Casa Latina.

**ARCH:** Arts, Research and Culture House, located at 3601 Locust Walk, formerly known as the Christian Association before Penn purchased the building in 1999; the name was selected by a contest which attracted 250 entries.

**BEN:** Business Enterprise Network, the suite of web-based applications that support University-wide financial functions.

**BGAPSA:** Black Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, provides support for graduate and professional students of the African Diaspora.

**CAPS:** Counseling and Psychological Services, provides professional services to students who are having personal, social, academic and career issues.

**CASI:** Center for the Advanced Study of India, the only research institute in the US focused on contemporary India.

**CCPPR:** Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research, brings together scholars and professionals in law, medicine, and social work to protect children's rights.

**CHANGES:** Center for Health Achievement Neighborhood Growth & Ethnic Studies, established at GSE in 1994.

**CHOP:** Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the first hospital in the US dedicated solely to the care of children, home to Penn's pediatric department.

**CRRWH:** Center for Research on Reproduction and Women's Health, a biomedical research enterprise whose aims are to increase the understanding of human reproduction and promote the well-being of women.

**CTT:** Center for Technology Transfer, obtains and manages patents, copyrights and trade-

marks derived from academic research.

**CURF:** Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowship, supports and endorses students applying for the major, international, post-graduate and other competitive fellowships.

**CWiC:** Communication Within the Curriculum, was originally launched as a pilot project called Speaking Across the University (SATU). In 2002 it changed its names to CWiC, it supports speaking as a means of and learning.

**DAR:** Development and Alumni Relations, manages programming of activities, communications outreach, and services designed to attract, inform, and involve Penn's alumni.

**DMD:** Digital Media Design, multidisciplinary undergraduate program, based in SEAS, with curriculum from the School of Design and Annenberg School.

**DP:** *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, the independent student newspaper, founded in 1885.

**DRIA:** Division of Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics.

**ENIAC:** Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, gave birth to the Information Age in 1946, is worth a walk to the Moore Building for a glimpse of the computer that is over 50 years old.

**FICAP:** Firearm and Injury Center at Penn, addresses the magnitude and impact of firearm injury and violence.

**FLASH:** Facilitating Learning About Sexual Health, a student organization.

**GAPSA:** Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, the University-wide student government for graduate and professional students.

**GET-UP:** Graduate Employees Together-University of Pennsylvania, a group in support of graduate employee unionization.

**GIC:** Greenfield Intercultural Center, established in 1984 to address the needs of Penn's increasingly diverse community.

**GRASP Lab:** General Robotics, Automation, Sensing and Perception lab, a multi-disciplinary research lab housed in SEAS.

**GSE:** Graduate School of Education.

**HR:** Human Resources, the division dedicated to the recruitment, employment, development and retention of faculty and staff.

**HUP:** Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**IAA:** International Affairs Association, organizes two annual conferences: ILMUNC, (Ivy League Model United Nations Conference) the premier model UN for high school students, hosted by Penn; and UPMUNC (University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference) for college students, founded in 1967.

**IAST:** Institute for Advanced Science and Technology.

**ICA:** Institute of Contemporary Art, founded in 1963 at Penn, in its own building designed by Adele Naude Santos since 1990.

**ILI:** International Literacy Institute, established in 1994 by UNESCO and Penn's GSE.

**IME:** Institute for Medicine and Engineering, interdisciplinary research and education to advance the treatment of disease.

**IOA:** Institute on Aging, increases the quality and quantity of clinical and basic research as well as educational programs that focus on normal aging and aging-related diseases.

**IRCS:** Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, fosters collaboration among departments in linguistics, mathematical logic, philosophy, psychology, computer science and neuroscience.

**ISC:** Information Systems and Computing, Penn's central computing organization, which provides leadership, infrastructure, standards and services.

**ISTAR:** Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response, created as a reaction to 9/11, to examine acute threats.

**JWS:** Joseph Wharton Scholars, program emphasizes the importance of scholarly research and the liberal arts and sciences within the framework of a business education.

**KWH:** Kelly Writers House, provides a supportive and accessible atmosphere where Penn writers of all kinds can share their works and ideas and enhance their writing skills together.

**LDI:** Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, a cooperative venture among Penn's schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and Wharton; a center for health services research, health policy analysis and health care management executive education.

**LGBT Center:** Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center, established in 1982, one of the oldest such centers in the country.



**LIFE:** Living Independently For Elders, a program of all-inclusive care to foster independence and health, a healthcare service of the School of Nursing.

**LPS:** College of Liberal and Professional Studies, the continuing studies and lifelong learning division of SAS.

**LRSM:** Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter, the center for materials research created to foster collaborative, interdisciplinary research.

**LUCY:** Loop through University City, SEPTA circulator bus, started in summer of 1999 in conjunction with UCD to provide free transit service to/from 30th Street Station for those affiliated with the local institutions.

**MAP:** Major Advising Program, resource for students in the College to sample other majors.

**MASCA:** Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology, part of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

**MMETS:** Multi-Media and Educational Technology Services, an instructional technology group that is part of SAS Computing and provides audio/visual support for academic and campus events.

**MSA:** Muslim Student Association, bridges the gap between Muslim students at Penn and the Muslims of the neighborhood.

**NBC:** New Bolton Center, a 680-acre campus located in Kennett Square, Chester County—home of the School of Veterinary Medicine's George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals, a working dairy, swine facility, chicken coops, research labs and a farm.

**NCAL:** National Center on Adult Literacy, established at GSE in 1990 with a major grant from the US Department of Education.

**NCOFF:** National Center on Fathers and Families, an interdisciplinary policy research center established in 1994 at GSE to improve the well-being of children.

**NEC:** Nominations and Elections Committee, one of the six branches of student government at Penn.

**NSO:** New Student Orientation, held at the beginning of the fall semester.

**OCP:** Orthodox Community at Penn, provides information for the Orthodox Jewish community.

**OPIM:** Operations & Information Management, a department in the Wharton School.

**PAACH:** Pan-Asian American Community House, central resource for advising students and student organizations with a particular focus on students of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.

**PAC:** Performing Arts Council, support for 40 different student-run performance organizations.

**PACE:** Programs for Awareness in Cultural Education, established in 1993 to facilitate dialogues across dimensions, at the Greenfield Intercultural Center.

**PASS:** Penn Arab Student Society, organization geared towards exploring Arab heritage and culture.

**PCBI:** Penn Center for Bioinformatics, focuses on research and education in the emerging fields of bioinformatics and computational biology.

**PCC:** Penn Children's Center, provides child care for children ages three months to five years, administered by Business Services.

**PennCAP:** Pennsylvania College Achievement Program, works closely with academically talented students, many from low-income or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

**PennSTAR:** Penn Specialized Tertiary Aeromedical Response, the Penn Med helicopters that go to accident scenes to rescue trauma victims and transport them to trauma centers, such as HUP, for specialized care.

**PFSNI:** Penn Faculty and Staff for Neighborhood Issues, an organization established in 1993, drawn from Penn people who reside in the neighborhoods near campus.

**PGCF:** Penn Graduate Christian Fellowship, faith-based group comprised of graduate students, post docs, and their spouses at Penn and Drexel.

**PGFI:** Penn Genomics Frontiers Institute, dedicated to the advancement of the interdisciplinary field of genomics research.

**PMI:** Pennsylvania Muscle Institute, interdisciplinary group of research investigators with a mission to discover the mechanisms of muscle function, muscle disease and motile biological systems, develop technologies for the study of muscle and motile systems, and provide education and training.

**PPSA:** Penn Professional Staff Assembly, a network to serve administrative/technical staff.

**PVN:** Penn Video Network, closed-circuit cable television and special video event network.

**PWC:** Penn Women's Center, founded in 1973.

**RAD:** Rape Aggression Defense, course for women about awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and the basics of hands-on defense training.

**RAP-Line:** Reach-A-Peer Helpline, peer listener program supported by the Office of Health Education.

**SAC:** Student Activities Council, recognizes, supervises and funds undergraduate activities, funded through the UA.

**SAS:** School of Arts and Sciences.

**SCUE:** Student Committee on Undergraduate Education, the oldest existing branch of student government, founded in 1965, works to enhance and expand curricular opportunities and quality of academic experience.

**SDM:** School of Dental Medicine.

**SEAS:** School of Engineering and Applied Science.

**SEC:** Senate Executive Committee, the elected leadership of the Faculty Senate, representing faculty interests to the administration.

**SEI:** Scheie Eye Institute, serves as the department of ophthalmology of UPHS.

**SFCU:** Student Federal Credit Union, a non-profit organization founded in 1987 by three Wharton MBA students; the largest student-run credit union in the nation.

**SNAP:** Student Nurses at Penn, promotes participation in community service activities in the area of health care and serves as the Penn chapter of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania.

**SOM:** School of Medicine.

**SON:** School of Nursing.

**SP2:** School of Social Policy & Practice.

**SPEC:** Social Planning and Events Committee, part of Connaissance.

**SPEC-TRUM:** Social Planning and Events Committee To Represent Undergraduate Minorities, provides entertainment that addresses the diversity of interests within the Penn community.

**STAAR:** Students Together Against Acquaintance Rape, a peer health program founded in the late 1980s, part of Office of Health Education.

**STAB:** Student Theatre Arts Board, the student-elected representatives that serve as a link between the theatre arts students and the faculty.

**TSA:** Turkish Student Association, provides a platform for bringing Turkish community in Philadelphia together.

**UA:** Undergraduate Assembly, responsible for advocacy of undergraduate issues to the administration, consists of elected student officers.

**UC:** University Council, the University-wide advisory body, with representatives from all of the major constituencies.

**UCD:** University City District, established by a partnership of University City institutions, businesses and community organizations in August 1997, has worked to make the area cleaner and safer, and has also revitalized neighborhoods and been a partner in city-wide events.

**UMC:** United Minorities Council, an inter-racial student alliance which sponsors cultural and educational programs to promote cross-cultural awareness.

**UPHS:** University of Pennsylvania Health System.

**UPPD:** University of Pennsylvania Police Department, part of the Division of Public Safety.

**UPS:** Undergraduate Psychology Society, an organization of Penn students interested in exploring the field, sponsors events and publishes a journal, *Perspectives in Psychology*.

**UTV-13:** University Television, the student-run station.

**VPU:** Vice Provost for University Life, a division that nurtures the interests and aspirations of Penn students through activities, resources and service centers.

**VSA:** Vietnamese Students Association, a group devoted to promoting an appreciation for Vietnamese culture.

**WGA:** Wharton Graduate Association, the primary vehicle for coordinating and managing student activities and initiatives, both academic and extracurricular.

**WOCAP:** Women of Color at Penn, committee organizes the annual Women of Color at Penn Day to award deserving members of the Penn community who have made a difference in the lives of women of color.

**WPSA:** Weekly-paid Professional Staff Assembly, formerly the A-3 Assembly, representing non-exempt and non-union employees.

**WPWP:** Wharton Programs for Working Professionals, offers post-baccalaureate programs of study designed for working adults who do not have previous coursework in business.

**ZBT:** Zeta Beta Tau, Penn's chapter was founded in 1907 and is the fourth oldest active chapter.



## Week Two Raffle: October 13-17

To qualify for the week's raffle, you must participate online at [www.upenn.edu/pennsway](http://www.upenn.edu/pennsway) by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 17 or contact your Penn's Way Coordinator for a paper form. Raffle winners for week two will be randomly selected Monday, October 20 and will be announced in *Almanac*.

**Business Services**—University of Pennsylvania photograph book

**Business Services**—Class of 1923 coupon booklet containing 10 admission tickets

**Business Services**—\$50 gift certificate for Penne at The Inn at Penn

**Business Services**—\$25 Gift card from the Penn Bookstore (Barnes and Noble)

**Business Services**—Lunch for 2 at the University Club at Penn

**Auntie Anne's**—Gift box, \$25 value

**Camden River Sharks**—4 upper box seats for an upcoming game

**Domus Apartments**—Private office brunch or happy hour

**Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site**—3 guest passes

**Business Services**—Voucher for a free sandwich at Subway, 1920 Commons

—Rob Eich, Penn's Way Campaign

### Almanac On-the-Go: RSS Feeds

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## The Academic Job Search

To celebrate the Fourth Edition of the *Academic Job Search Handbook*, by Penn Career Services professionals Julie Vick and Jenny Furlong, current Penn doctoral students and current Penn postdocs are invited to a celebration at the Graduate Student Center today, at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Meet the authors, enjoy a snack, and purchase a copy of the new edition. The book may be purchased by current Penn doctoral students and current Penn postdocs (who have completed at least one year of their postdoc) for the discounted price of \$10 (with PennCard). Others may purchase it through Amazon, other booksellers, or the University of Pennsylvania Press, [www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/14469.html](http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/14469.html) at the regular retail price. It is also available to be read in the Career Services Library.

The book's chapters are "What You Should Know Before You Start," "Planning and Timing Your Search," "Written Materials for the Search: Suggestions and Samples," "Conducting the Search," "After You Take the Job," and "Additional Considerations."

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Issues published since the advent of the WWW are available in both PDF and HTML, along with the AT PENN calendars and supplements.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Dear Penn Community,

Below is a list of volunteer opportunities. We look forward to your continued work together as we partner with our neighbors. Thank you for your support in our efforts to perform community service in the surrounding community.

—Isabel Mapp, Associate Director/Director, Penn Volunteers In Public Service  
Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships

**Are you familiar with Intermediate Algebra?** Want to help someone move ahead in their job? Math 118, Intermediate Algebra real numbers, polynomials, rational expressions, algebraic expressions, linear equations and inequalities in one variable, absolute value equations and inequalities, linear equations in two variables, graphs of lines, systems of linear equations in two variables, quadratic equations in one variable, problem solving. Would you like to work 1:1 with Penn hospital employees who have GEDs or high school diplomas but are trying to get their associates degree from Community College so they can move up the job ladder? Just an hour or so a week, tutors could name the time, and classes would be on-campus. Contact [sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) for further information.

**Do you have any instruments to donate to students in the Beacon Program at Sayre High School?** The program is hoping to provide music lessons and is in need of your donated instruments. Contact [sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) for further information on making a donation.

**Would you like to donate your used digital camera?** The Penn Alexander school students are looking for some gently used digital cameras for a project they are working on. Please consider donating your used camera. Contact Ann Kreidle at [kreibidle@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:kreibidle@gse.upenn.edu) or [sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) to make a donation.

**The Pennsylvania SPCA has a volunteer opportunity for those interested in interior design and animal welfare.** DogHaus, a designer showhouse featuring the talents of 20 designers, benefits the PSPCA. Volunteers will be needed to "DogHaus Sit"—monitor the house during public showings and breakdown. This historic house is located at 8860 Norwood Ave. in Chestnut Hill. The house is open to the public now through November 9; Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday noon-4 p.m. The cost is \$25. Please contact the SPCA to make an appointment for groups. Floor Monitors: Monday-Friday 9:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 11:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Shifts available. Duties: maintain the integrity of the display and answer the occasional question. Contact Stacey Plattenberger, volunteer coordinator, Pennsylvania SPCA, (215) 426-6304 ext. 244 (office) (267) 746-0653 (cell) [www.pspca.org/](http://www.pspca.org/)

**Help out with the Annual AIDS Walk.** AIDS Fund Philly needs your help. Volunteer your time at one of the special events: AIDS Walk Philly 2008. Assist with event preparation and the walk itself, Sunday, October 19, or help with general office assistance, weekdays, in their offices at 1315 Spruce St. Contact John Hollingshead at (215) 731-9255 or [johnh@aidsfundphilly.org](mailto:johnh@aidsfundphilly.org) for more information.

## One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy  
Made Simple



Another tip in a series provided by the Offices of Information Systems & Computing and Audit, Compliance & Privacy.

### New List of Privacy and Security Resources

At Penn it is important to protect many types of information, sometimes because of regulatory requirements and sometimes because of the personal nature of the information itself. Student records, health information, credit card information, personal financial information, Social Security numbers and personnel records are among the kinds of data that need to be protected by Penn faculty, staff and other constituents.

In our complex environment it is difficult to be aware of all the requirements that apply, and all the tools that are available to help Penn and its constituents protect information. Recognizing this, Information Systems and Computing and the Office of Audit, Compliance and Privacy have developed a Resources Page that sets out local and central sources of assistance in this area. In addition, the Page provides links to information on specific privacy and security topics. You are invited to view the new Resources Page at [www.upenn.edu/privacy](http://www.upenn.edu/privacy).

To receive weekly OneStepAhead tips via e-mail, send e-mail to [listserv@lists.upenn.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.upenn.edu) with the following text in the body of the message: sub one-step-ahead <your name>.

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website: [www.upenn.edu/computing/security/](http://www.upenn.edu/computing/security/).

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### RESEARCH

The UPHS/Division of Endocrinology seeks women at least 60 years of age who have been told they need treatment for osteoporosis or who have had a bone fracture from osteoporosis for a research study. Women who are interested will be evaluated by bone densitometry and MRI. Women who qualify will receive treatment with an osteoporosis medication for two years and compensation for travel. Please call Terry Scattergood RN, MSN at (215) 898-5664 for more information.

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Victorian butterfly at left and gold and precious stone frog, below, both from English antiques dealer Sue Brown. Lower left, Turkish ceramic vase from Iznik Classics; at right, wooden Ram's Head from Ivory Coast, from the Silk Tent (PA). Far right, antique Japanese lion dancer from Alan Scott Pate.



*Treasures Show & Sale*, Philadelphia's premier exotic shopping and collecting exposition of antiques, fine arts, jewelry and textiles from world cultures, returns to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Penn Museum) for its fourth annual presentation on October 24-26, 2008. A major benefit event for the Penn Museum, *Treasures 2008* opens with an elegant "reservations suggested" Preview Party on Thursday evening, October 23 for sponsors, benefactors and patrons, from 5 to 9 p.m.

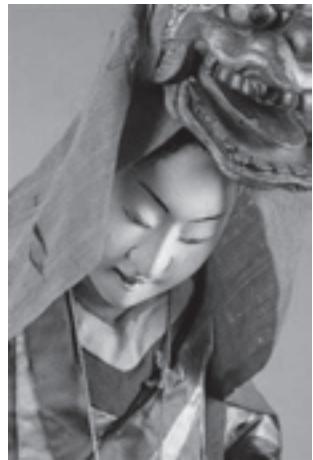
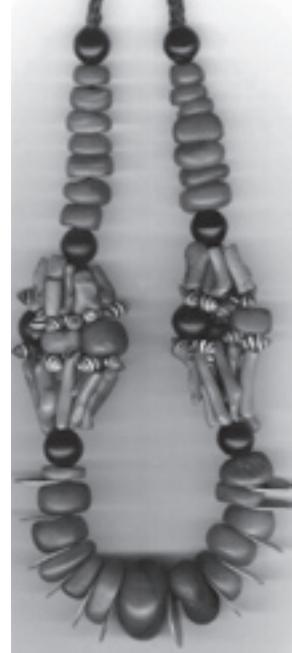
*Treasures Show & Sale* takes place at the Penn Museum. Tickets can be purchased at the door and online. Tickets, information and reservations at [www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu) or call (215) 898-9213.

*Treasures Show & Sale* opens to the public at 11 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 24-26, closing at 6 p.m. on Friday, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, and at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

General admission: \$15, includes Show catalogue, unlimited re-entry to *Treasures* and to the Museum during the three-day show; \$12 for Penn Museum members, Penn faculty, staff, alumni and WHYY members; \$10 for students. Call for group rates and to arrange private group events: (215) 898-9213. See [www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu).



Above, silver gilt Bukharan necklace with inlaid turquoise, garnet and coral from 19th century Uzbekistan. At right, amber and coral with coins from Berber, both from Singkang.



*Treasures 2008* will feature dealers offering "timeless treasures" for purchase—fabulous and fascinating antique and decorative objects, textiles and wearable art from artistic traditions of Asia, Africa, Oceania and the Americas. Beautiful and unusual artworks, jewelry, clothing, carpets, furniture, sculptures, ceramics, and woven goods will be for sale in the Museum's Asian and Egyptian galleries.

*Treasures* provides show-goers with the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind 18th-21st century pieces from around the world—antique and unique "discoveries" to enjoy for generations. These vetted antiques and artworks reflect traditions of the countries in which the Penn Museum has conducted research for more than 100 years. *Treasures Show & Sale* is presented and produced by The Women's Committee to benefit the Museum's educational and outreach programs. Co-chairs of *Treasures 2008* are Joanne H. Conrad and Helen S. Weary.

Experienced and new collectors, interior designers, home furnishers, clothing visionaries and style-setters are attracted annually to the variety of worldly goods available in a wide range of prices. "This is the place to 'shop the world,' have a wonderful experience, and benefit the Penn Museum," says Susan W. Cathewood, founding chair of *Treasures*.

*Insights for Collectors:* two illustrated talks will be presented on Saturday, October 25. Both programs are free with *Treasures* admission.

2-3 p.m., *Collecting, Preserving and Presenting: Building a Personal African Art Collection*, presented by Herman Bigham & Associates, Philadelphia, preservers and presenters of African Traditional Art; participants are invited to bring photos of artwork for review.

5-6 p.m., *Tribal Weavings: Symbolism and Meaning: Through the Eyes of the Creators*, presented by Peter Davies, owner/director of Turkana Gallery, NYC; lecturer, curator, and author of *Antique Kilims of Anatolia*; sponsored by the Philadelphia Rug and Textile Society.

The popular *Blooming Treasures*, creative floral arrangements in the galleries, are once again coordinated by Mary Jo Strawbridge. This year's arrangements are provided by Ikebana International of Philadelphia and feature the Ikenobo School, Ichijo School, Ohara School, and Sogetsu School. Ikebana, the traditional art of Japanese flower arranging, follows ancient rules and forms. The arrangements are for enjoyment and are never judged.

An International Caf /Bar and the Museum Shops will be open throughout the *Treasures Show & Sale*.

Above, antique fruitwood demi-table from David N. Salkin Antiques of Philadelphia. At left, Shahsevan Bagface (detail) mid-19th century northwest Persian carpet from Gallery 51, Philadelphia.

