As the Penn Nursing “Where Science Leads” Campaign closes, Dr. Afaf I. Meleis, Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing, has announced one of the “fruits of our labors” with the appointment of eight faculty members to term chairs, effective July 1, 2009. Raising funds for endowed and term faculty support was one of the four priorities of the School’s $75 million campaign. “The endowment of academic chairs, the work of the stellar faculty holding these chairs, and the promise of the students they educate all lead to excellence in nursing science and improved quality of care for all,” said Dean Meleis.

Dr. Christopher Lance Coleman, assistant professor of nursing, has been appointed to the Term Assistant Professor in Multi-Cultural Diversity as an acknowledgement of his devotion to advancing knowledge of the determinants of health among racial and ethnic minorities, marginalized, vulnerable, and underserved populations across the life span. Dr. Coleman is best known for his research focusing on health compromising sexual behaviors with HIV seropositive African American men middle-aged and older in 2004, and his book on the study findings, Dangerous Intimacy: Ten African American Men with HIV, has just been published. Dr. Coleman became a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2007. He holds a secondary faculty appointment in the department of psychiatry in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Nancy P. Hanrahan, assistant professor of nursing, has been appointed as the Dr. Lenore H. Kurlowicz Memorial Term Assistant Professor in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. The Chair was founded earlier this year by a gift from the Kurlowicz Family in memory of Dr. Lenore H. Kurlowicz, a former faculty member in the School of Nursing. Dr. Kurlowicz, associate professor of geropsychiatric nursing, died in 2007 following a long illness. Since her appointment to the Standing Faculty in 2004, Dr. Hanrahan has been an integral member of a multidisciplinary research team focusing on health workforce and outcomes research. She developed an independent program of research, designed to investigate individual and organizational-level factors that promote improved function and recovery among people with serious mental illness. Dr. Hanrahan is a national leader in psychiatric mental health nursing and known for her work in system-level mental health services research. She teaches graduate level courses on the pathogenesis of mental disorders and psychopharmacology using a discovery-based research approach. She is involved in a research project that addresses the role of technology in society. Local high school science teachers enrich their content knowledge and teaching skills in a variety of professional-development programs.

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Term Chairs for Eight Penn Nursing Faculty

Christopher Coleman  Nancy Hanrahan  Sarah Kagan  Terri Lipman

William McCool  Ann O’Sullivan  Kathy Richards  Therese Richmond

$11.5 Million to Advance Nanoscale Research in Biological Systems at Penn

The Nano/Bio Interface Center at the University of Pennsylvania has been awarded $11.5 million from the Nanoscale Science and Engineering Centers of the National Science Foundation to continue to advance nanoscale research at the interface of physical and biological systems. The grant will support multidisciplinary research at Penn designed to explore and control the function and quantification of molecules, to explore interactions between organic/inorganic interfaces and physical and biological systems and to unite investigators from 10 academic departments to provide new directions for the life sciences in a two-way flow essential to fully realizing the benefits of nano-biotechnology. NBIC participants conduct research in one of two major themes: biomolecular optoelectronics and molecular motions. While each theme looks into the fundamentals of molecules, there are advantages to the resulting technologies.

“Basic research of this kind will become the technologies that fuel nanoelectronics, medical diagnostic devices, functional organic molecules and inorganic nanostructures that lead to improved catalysts, solar cells and chemical sensors—all made with new families of functional materials ordered on the sub-10 nanometer-length scale,” said Dr. Steven J. Fluharty, vice provost for research at Penn.

Since the Center’s inception in 2004, (Almanac September 28, 2004) the NBIC has received approximately $38 million in funding that supports faculty research from the schools of Engineering and Applied Science, Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Education and Wharton. The NBIC partners with research consortiums in South Korea, the Technical University Dresden and Alabama State University, as well as several corporations. These efforts are tied to an extensive education and outreach program that includes partners like Wharton and Penn’s Graduate School of Education.

Faculty and students in Wharton and the department of history and sociology of science are involved in a research project that addresses the role of technology in society. Local high school science teachers enrich their content knowledge and teaching skills in a variety of professional-development programs.

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The following is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Among other purposes, the publication of SEC actions is intended to stimulate discussion among the constituencies and their representatives. Please communicate your comments to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by e-mail at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Welcome and Introductions. Faculty Senate Chair Harvey Rubin welcomed the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate Executive Committee and brief introductions followed.

Chair’s Report. Faculty Senate Chair Harvey Rubin reported that Faculty Senate Tri-Chairs have been busy meeting and planning during the summer and are happy to report that all Senate committees are fully populated; committee chairs will meet this week and will be ready to begin their work after the approval of the Senate committee charges. Dr. Rubin reported that this year SEC will hold two meetings in the fall and spring featuring informal dialogues on topics of interest to the faculty.

Past Chair’s Report. Faculty Senate Past Chair Sherri Adams gave an overview to the Executive Committee on the work of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee and Capital Council.

Open Access. Vice Provost and Director of Libraries H. Carton Rogers explained that “Open Access” is a term used to describe any digital online resource that is free of copyright or licensing restrictions and added that with open access individuals are free to access digital material without many of the permissions and cost barriers associated with traditional subscription methods. He outlined various current models used for open access publishing, and the growing interest from the government and numerous universities in the open access movement. He suggested that the increased visibility and accessibility that comes with open access publishing benefits authors as well as readers and is a way to make the research and scholarship happening at Penn more widely available to the global community of scholars. Vice Provost for Research Steve Fluharty also announced that Provost Vincent Price would be interested in forming a faculty committee to address Open Access issues in the Penn context.

Dr. Fluharty briefed SEC members on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy which requires that the author’s final version of any peer-reviewed journal article resulting from NIH-funded activities be submitted to PubMed Central (PMC), NIH’s digital repository, where it is available to the public within 12 months after the journal article is published.

Pandemic Planning. Vice Provost for Education Andy Binns reported on the work of the Pandemic Incident Management Team (IMT) in planning Penn’s response to the H1N1 influenza pandemic. He reported that the Pandemic IMT produced a report that outlines influenza prevention and treatment measures for the Penn community including those at high risk, information on suspension of normal operations, H1N1 vaccine, and where to go for up-to-date information. Dr. Binns noted that the University is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. Dr. Binns encouraged SEC members to visit the pandemic planning website: www.upenn.edu/flu. He added that there is a Student Health Service webpage for students: www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs and an International Program site for students studying abroad: www.upenn.edu/oip

Faculty Senate Committee Charges for 2009-10 Committees. SEC reviewed the proposed committee charges for all the Senate Standing Committees and there were no comments.

Distinguished International Scholars: October 23

The Office of the Provost announces that applications are available for the Distinguished International Scholars Program, a program which aims to promote further global engagement in undergraduate education and deepen the University’s ties to the world’s leading universities and scholars. Any member of the Standing Faculty who is teaching an undergraduate course in an upcoming semester may apply to host an international scholar.

The deadline for this application cycle is October 23, 2009. Applications will be accepted for courses to be offered next academic year: 2010-2011. There will be another call for applications in the spring.

The Distinguished International Scholars Program offers Penn faculty the opportunity to invite a scholar from another nation to contribute significantly to an undergraduate course while visiting Penn’s campus. The scholar’s time may be compressed into a two-week visit or spread out over the course of the semester but the total time spent on campus should be at least 10 weekdays. Longer or shorter periods for the visit may be acceptable depending on the circumstances. In addition to the course, the scholar should participate in the intellectual and cultural life of the campus through such activities as visiting other courses, offering public lectures, attending departmental seminars/workshops, and participating in programs through College Houses and Academic Services.

The faculty member will be responsible for hosting the scholar during the visit. This includes coordinating all travel and lodging arrangements, as well as planning all educational and social activities during the visit. The host department or school will receive up to $20,000 to cover expenses related to the visit such as an honorarium, visa fees, and the costs of lodging, meals, and travel. Application will be evaluated based on the scholar’s reputation and teaching expertise, how well the planned visit integrates the scholar into the intellectual and cultural life of the campus, and the impact the scholar’s visit will have on undergraduate education at Penn.

For copies of the application material or further information, please visit www.upenn.edu/provost/dis.

Agenda for University Council Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 4 p.m., Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

Source: Office of the University Secretary

I. Announcement of Appointment of a Moderator. (1 minute)
II. Announcement of Appointment of a Parliamentarian. (1 minute)
III. Approval of the Minutes of April 22, 2009. (1 minute)
IV. Follow-up Comments or Questions on Status Reports. (5 minutes)
V. Presentation and Scheduling of Focus Issues for University Council for the Academic Year. (5 minutes)
VI. Presentation of Council Committee Charges. (10 minutes)
VII. Announcements of Open Forum Sessions. (5 minutes)
VIII. Discussion of Penn’s “Response System” to Communicable Diseases, particularly in the context of the possible spread of the H1N1 Virus. (30 minutes)
IX. Adjournment by 5 p.m.

Faculty Benefit Program

A benefit program under Penn’s Faculty Income Allowance Program (FIAP) is now available, for a limited time, to selected senior faculty members.

FIAP is designed to provide senior members of the Standing Faculty with supplemental income when they retire, in recognition of their distinguished service to the University. Faculty members are typically eligible only between the ages of 60 and 69, and their standard eligibility period therefore generally expires when they reach age 70.

In light of the severe economic downturn and the adverse impact it may have had on faculty members’ financial resources for retirement, FIAP eligibility is now being reopened, for a limited time, to senior members of the Standing Faculty who are otherwise qualified but beyond the standard age limit. The program requires a faculty member to retire no later than December 15, 2009, of the intention to retire. If a faculty member declines the one-time offer, she will not be able to participate in FIAP in the future.

Aside from the one-time change in age eligibility and a slightly lower income allowance, all other terms of FIAP apply. For more information on FIAP, see www.hr.upenn.edu/Benefits/Retirement/ FIAP_FAQs.aspx. All those eligible for the extended benefit have been contacted directly by the University.

Correction

In last week’s story about the Penn Law School, the number of professorships should have been 31 and not 21.

Almanac On-the-Go: RSS Feeds

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Call for Honorary Degree Nominations: November 1
We invite you to nominate candidates to receive honorary degrees from the University of Pennsylvania at the 2010 Commencement ceremony. Candidates should exemplify the highest ideals of the University, which seek to educate those who will change the world through innovative scholarship, scientific discovery, artistic creativity and/or societal leadership.

We encourage you to involve your faculty colleagues, within and across departments and schools, in the nomination process. Nominations should explain how nominees meet the criteria for selection and outline the nominees’ achievements and contributions. Please include as much biographical and other supporting information as possible, but do not contact the nominees, who should not know that they are being considered. We particularly encourage nominations from departments and schools whose fields have not been recognized by the award of honorary degrees in recent years. Please note that it is University policy not to consider Penn standing faculty, trustees, or school and center overseers for Penn honorary degrees.

Nominations are welcome any time, but for consideration by this year’s University Council Committee, it would be very helpful to have them in hand by November 1. Review is ongoing and candidates may ultimately be selected several years after their initial nominations. The University Council Committee’s recommendations are forwarded to the Trustee Committee on Honorary Degrees and Awards, which makes the final selection. The list of previous University of Pennsylvania honorary degree recipients can be found at www.upenn.edu/commencement/histi/honorary.html.

Please send signed letters of nomination on your official stationery to: University Council Committee on Honorary Degrees, c/o Office of the University Secretary, 211 College Hall/6303. Nominations may also be faxed to (215) 898-0103. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Sniffer at sniffer@upenn.edu or (215) 573-5047.

Penn emeritus faculty are eligible to receive honorary degrees through a special nomination process. University deans will propose candidates from their schools for consideration by the Council of Deans, which will forward successful nominations to the University Council Committee on Honorary Degrees.

Honorary degrees are important statements of Penn’s values and aspirations, and we strongly encourage your participation in this process.

—Amy Gutmann, President
—Charles Mooney, Jr., Chair, University Council Committee on Honorary Degrees

$11.5 Million Grant for NBIC (continued from page 1)

initiatives,” said Dr. Dawn Bonnell, director of the NBIC and Trustee Chair Professor in Materials Science and Engineering at Penn. “We are excited about the future advances that will be enabled by this additional support.”

Also, the NBIC has established the Nano/Bio Probe Innovation Facility, a lab with next-generation instrumentation that has facilitated nanoscience and nanotechnology research for nearly 10 years for the Penn community, as well as local industry. In addition, NBIC has performed the first probe of the dielectric function of a single molecular layer, the first simultaneous optical and force imaging of a single ribosome and the design and synthesis of a new family of molecules with extreme optical properties. It has also created a new hybrid plasmonic nanostructure that increases and tunes photo conductivity for solar cells and has demonstrated real-time observation of a molecular motor and a nanotechnology undergraduate minor, graduate certificate and master’s-degree programs.

“The Nano/Bio Interface Center continues to lead by example in fostering research collaborations across the Penn campus and beyond,” said Dr. Eduardo Glandt, dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Penn. “These advances are forging paths in fundamental research that will drive innovation from medical diagnostics to energy technologies.”

Is Personalized Medicine in Your Future?
The Penn Center for the Integration of Genetic Healthcare Technologies (CIGHT) invites all interested scholars, clinicians, and students to attend this year’s symposium on October 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Harold Prince Theatre in the Annenberg Center.

CIGHT is a multidisciplinary research center focused on studying ethical, legal, and social implications of new genetic technologies as they are applied in the clinic. The goal of the Center is to develop tools that will help consumers, professionals, policy makers, and insurers understand and cope with the implications of advances in genetic research.

The symposium will be moderated by Dr. Reed Pyeritz, professor of medicine and genetics and director of CIGHT. Speakers: Dr. Ruth Schwartz Cowan, professor of history and sociology of science, Joseph McNemey, director of the National Center for Health Professional Education in Genetics, Dr. Steve Uldry, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Independence Blue Cross, and Elissa Levin, director of Genetic Counseling, Navigenics Corporation.

To register, see www.med.upenn.edu/pennlight/index.shtml. For more information, e-mail shnritz.kedem@uphs.upenn.edu.

Call for Proposals in Population Health: November 13
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25-Year Club: New Members for 2009

Ms. Emily V. Daniel, Medicine-Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism/Med
Mr. Thomas A. Davis, Information Security Project/ISC
Dr. Victor J. Defeo, Accounting/Wharton
Ms. Maureen A. Horton, Ryan Veterinary Hospital/Vet
Dr. Lawrence Dougherty, Radiology/Med
Ms. Kay M. Dowgun, Research Advisory Group/Wharton
Mrs. Louisa R. Dowling, Pathobiology/Vet
Dr. Deborah A. Driscoll, Obstetrics and Gynecology/Med
Dr. Marian P. Droba, Psychiatry/Med
Ms. Teresa Dunn, Center for Technology Transfer/Provost’s Center
Dr. Roderic G. Eckenhoff, Anesthesiology/Med
Dr. Ronald N. Ehrman, Psychiatry/Addictions/Med
Dr. Lois K. Evans, Family and Community Health/Nursing
Dr. Julie A. Fairman, Biobehavioral and Health Sciences/Nursing
Mrs. Patricia M. Falciani, Student Financial Services/Division of Finance
Dr. Joseph A. Farrell, Jr., Classical Studies/SAS
Dr. Gerald R. Fauthuber, Business & Public Policy/Wharton
Dr. Roy S. Feldman, Preventive and Restorative Sciences/Dental Med
Dr. Peter J. Felsburg, Clinical Studies-Philadelphia/Vet
Mr. Christopher Ferraiolo, Operations/Wharton
Dr. Kevin R. Fox, Medicine-Immunology/Oncology/Med
Mrs. Ann Marie Franco, Admin/Nursing
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Dr. Laurence J. Gavin, Emergency Medicine/Med
Dr. George L. Gerton, Obstetrics and Gynecology/Med
Dr. Urs Giger, Clinical Studies-Philadelphia/Vet
Mr. Hynon Gilmore, Housekeeping/Facilities Management
Dr. Joel W. Goldwein, Radiation Oncology/Med
Dr. Peter Michael Greco, Orthodontics/Dental Med
Ms. Anne M. Greenhalgh, Undergraduate Division/Wharton
Mr. Thomas P. Gregor, Clinical Studies-Philadelphia/Vet
Ms. Mary A. Griffin, Software Licensing/Business Services
Dr. Jorge Guerrero, Pathobiology/Vet
Ms. Nancy Cousart Gulsøy, University Library
Dr. Joseph E. Gyorko, Real Estate/Wharton
Ms. Anita M. Hall, FRES Admin/Facilities Management
Mr. Michael Halperin, Lippincott Library/University Library
Dr. Karen E. Hamilton, Vice Dean for Education’s Office/Med
Dr. David D. Hart, Biology/SAS
Dr. Paula S. Henthorn, Clinical Studies-Philadelphia/Vet
Dr. Irving M. Herling, Medicine-Carotid and Vascular Medicine/Med
Mrs. Maria Hernandez, Vice Dean for Education’s Office/Med
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Dr. James B. Hoyme, Psychiatry/Med
Dr. Rebecca A. Huss-Ashmore, Anthropology/SAS
Mr. John H. Irwin, GSE
Dr. Eileen K. Jaffe, Biochemistry/Dental Med
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Dr. Thomas R. Kadesch, Genetics/Med
Ms. Edda Katz, ISC Communications Group/ISC
Dr. Elizabeth S. Kelly, Biddle Law Library
Dr. Thomas O. Kelly, Biostatistics and Epidemiology/Med
Dr. Steven O. Kimbrough, Operations and Information Management/Wharton
Mrs. Michelle Kinglee, Center for Research on Reproduction and Women’s Health/Med
Dr. Charles Kosteva, Preventive and Restorative Sciences/Dental Med
Dr. Susan E. Levy, Pediatrics/Med
Ms. Vera I. Lewis, Outside Managed Dining/Business Services
Mr. Mark Frazier Lloyd, University Archives/President’s Center
Ms. Ellen Marie Lomastro, Ryan Veterinary Hospital/Vet
Ms. Marcia Longworth, Dean’s Office/Wharton
Ms. Jacqueline L. Lowry, Finance/Nursing
Mrs. Irna S. Lustig, English/SAS
Mr. Lionel Mabery, Housekeeping/Facilities Management
Mr. Felice Macera, Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter/Provost Interdisciplinary Programs
Dr. Archie Craig Mackinlay, Finance/Wharton
Dr. David R. Manning, Pharmacology/Med
Dr. Julian B. Marsh, Biochemistry/Dental Med
Dr. Roger R. Marshall, Otorhinolaryngology/Med
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Dr. Janet M. Monge, University Museum
Dr. Dimitrios S. Monos, CHOP Pathology/Med
Dr. Jonni S. Moore, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine/Med
Dr. M. Jeffrey Morton, Periodontics/Dental Med
Ms. Linda M. Mouzone, Outside Managed Dining/Business Services
Ms. Rose M. Murphy, Operational Services/SEAS
Mr. Kevin P. Murtagh, Trades/Facilities Management
Mr. Thang D. Nguyen, Chemistry/SAS
Dr. David E. Nicklin, Family Medicine/Med
Ms. Maryanne Nuzzo, Information Services/Development & Alumni Relations
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Ms. Charlotte F. Richards, Orthopaedic Surgery/Med
Mrs. Lynn Rivel, University Library
Mr. Rodney V. Robinson, Office of Student Life/Student Services
Dr. Heinrich Roder, Biochemistry and Biophysics/Med
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Mrs. Susan Ngira Snyder, Architecture/Design
Ms. Mary W. B. Spada, Technology Management/Student Services
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Dr. David M. Stern, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations/SAS
Dr. Matthew B. Stern, Neurology/Med
Ms. Maria P. Sullivan, Administrative Information Technologies/ISIC
Dr. Richard F. Summers, Psychiatry/Med
Dr. Joseph Sun, Academic Programs/Med
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Mrs. Bonnie L. Millar, Widener Hospital/Vet
Mrs. Eileen Dowd Rule, Widener Hospital/Vet

Honors & Other Things

Carnegie Award: President Gutmann

Amy Gutmann

Penn President Amy Gutmann, is one of four higher-education leaders honored with a 2009 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award.

The award recognizes presidents and chancellors who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in undergraduate education, both teaching and research; the development of major interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs that aim to bridge the gulf between the theoretical and the practical; focused university outreach to their local communities and cooperative efforts with business, education and civic leaders on initiatives such as K-12 school reform; and the expansion and improvement of international initiatives and global engagement.

The Carnegie Corporation Board of Trustees honors these individuals with grants of $500,000 each to be used at the leader’s discretion toward his or her academic priorities at their institutions.

Board of Directors: Dr. Ersek

Dr. Mary Ersek, associate professor in the School of Nursing, has been elected to serve a second term on the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Board of Directors. Dr. Ersek also serves as associate director for the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence and the Penn Center for Integrative Science in Aging.

Philadelphia-Goya Service Award: Mr. Irizarry

Johnny Irizarry, director of La Casa Latina: The Center for Hispanic Excellence, was awarded the Philadelphia-Goya Family Service award along with his family. The Irizarry family earned the award for their work in the community and was honored at the Goya Latino Family Celebration Night and Food Drive on September 2 before the home baseball game. The event pays tribute to Hispanic Heritage Month.

Ohio State Alumni Award: Dr. Kaufman

Dr. Russell E. Kaufman, president and CEO of the Wistar Institute, has earned the 2009 Professional Achievement Award from the Ohio State University Alumni Association. The award recognizes a “superb record” of career accomplishments and community service. With long-standing interest in both basic and applied cancer research, Dr. Kaufman has held leadership positions in national academic organizations with internal medicine and on a number of committees.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Lee

Dr. Virginia M.-Y. Lee, the John H. Ware 3rd Professor in Alzheimer’s Research in the department of pathology and laboratory medicine in the School of Medicine, has been awarded the 2009 Khalid Iqbal Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alzheimer’s Association. She was awarded for her achievements in advancing Alzheimer’s research at the association’s 2009 International Conference on Alzheimer’s disease.

Lee’s research focuses on determining the genetics and roles of various normal and abnormal brain proteins thought to be keys to the cause and progression of numerous brain diseases, including Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Lee is also the director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research.

Excellence in Education: Dr. Stringer

Dr. Marilyn Stringer, associate professor and clinician of women’s health nursing, received the 2009 Excellence in Education Award, presented by the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. She is also director of the Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner program. The award was presented to Dr. Stringer for her commitment to educating patients and health care providers in order to improve patient health, health care, and public policy.

Top Physician: Dr. Tokaszewski

South Jersey Magazine has named Dr. Jeffrey Thomas Tokaszewski, a Penn Medicine physician and clinical associate professor in the School of Medicine, a Top Physician in its yearly review of doctors. Top Doctors must receive the highest scores on the HealthGrades patient experience survey. Dr. Tokaszewski is an attending physician at PENNcare South Jersey Family Medicine practice, part of Penn Medicine’s Clinical Care Associates.

Clarion Award: FactCheck.org

FactCheck.org’s coverage of the 2008 election has earned the website a Clarion Award from the Association for Women in Communications. This honor, named for the medieval trumpet known for its clarity, follows FactCheck.org winning a Webbby “People’s Voice” Award. FactCheck.org is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University.

25-Year Club (continued from page 4)

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Dr. Howard Pack, Business and Public Policy/Wharton
Mr. Michael A. Palladino, ISC
Dr. Reynold A. Panettieri, Medicine-Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care/Med
Dr. Richard P. Paul, Computer and Information Science/SEAS
Ms. Maria T. Perkins, Trust Admin/Division of Finance
Dr. Anthony J. Pietrovito, Chemistry/SAS
Dr. John Edward Piskai, Oral Medicine/Dental Med
Dr. Peter Dennis Quinn, Clinical Practice Admin/Med
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World Cafe Live’s 5th Anniversary Celebration: October 2

It has been five years since World Cafe Live opened its doors to the public, and they are celebrating in style with over 12 hours of musical performances on their two stages. On Friday, October 2, World Cafe Live will feature a variety of free musical acts all day long starting at 1 p.m. lasting through the night. All are welcome to join in the party!

The evening performances are headlined by rising star Trombone Shorty with his band Orleans Avenue, as well as Philadelphian favorites such as Mutlu, Alo Brasil, Chesnut and American Babies. Also playing on the downstairs stage: Joshua Park, Papertrees, Birdie Busch, Mason Porter, Hezekiah Jones, Cornfield McCarthy, The Real Feel, Boy Wonder, Agent Moosehead, and Andy of the Future, who will be DJ-ing between sets.

The Upstairs cafe will have free performances all day by local favorites David Falcone, Christine Havrilla, Bob Beach, Matt Santry, Lizanne Knott, Carsie Blanton, and Kate Miller-Heidke from Australia. World Cafe Live has been helping launch the careers of many local and national musicians for the five years it has been in operation.

The same afternoon at 3 p.m., a trolley tour of both the famous Philadelphia murals and Philadelphia’s own Yards Brewing Company will be leaving from the venue. Along with a complimentary Yard beer, participants will enjoy the building’s historical murals before setting off on a trolley tour around Philadelphia and returning to World Cafe Live for more drinks, food, and live performances.

For more information see www.worldcafelive.com

Penn Family Day
Ticket Order Deadlines

Time is running out to order your tickets for this year’s Penn Family Day Tailgate Party and football game on Saturday, October 10, 2009. You can receive up to four free tickets, and additional tickets are available for $8 each. You must submit a ticket order form to the Athletic Ticket Office by the deadlines below. You won’t need advance tickets for the Penn Museum and ice rink—just be sure to bring your PennCard to all events.

Ticket Order Deadlines

Friday, October 2: orders sent via intramural mail (Athletic Ticket Office–Weightman Hall/6322)
Monday, October 5: orders placed in person at the Athletic Ticket Office (Weightman Hall, 33rd Street between Walnut and Spruce).

For more information, including a ticket order form, event details, directions, and parking information, visit the Penn Family Day website at www.hr.upenn.edu/Quality/StaffRecognition/FamilyDay.aspx.

National Work and Family Month

Penn has long been committed to helping faculty and staff meet the competing demands of work and family. In honor of National Work and Family Month this October—a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of work-life benefits—the Division of Human Resources will be highlighting various work and family benefits available to Penn faculty and staff, from adoption assistance and new child benefits to flexible work options and work-life resources. These benefits will be highlighted in each issue of Almanac throughout the month of October. You can also visit the Division of Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/Quality/WorkLife to learn about the full array of benefits that can help you balance your personal and professional life.

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Instructing Our Own Cells: Repairing Bodies & Restoring Health

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Instructing our cells for cell-based therapies; John D. Gearhart, Penn Institute for Regenerative Medicine, James W. Efron University Professor, Penn.

Epigenetics and Aging: How the environment can change genetic inheritance and lead to cellular aging; Shelley L. Berger, Penn Medicine Epigenetics Program, Daniel S. Och University Professor, Penn.

Engineering cells and tissues: A road map into the future; Christopher S. Chen, Center for Engineering Cells and Regeneration, Skirkanich Professor of Innovation, Penn.

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Daniel J. Rader, Penn Medicine Clinical & Translational Research Center, Cooper-McClure Professor of Medicine, Penn
Moderated by Kerry Grens, WHYY senior health & science reporter.

To reserve a seat, pre-register: (215) 448-1254. Seating is limited. Questions? Contact Kristin Field at PFGI (215) 746-4490, kfield@sas.upenn.edu.

Notice from Penn Public Safety

The Division of Public Safety has been informed of a text messaging “Phishing” scam attempting to collect personal information that could be later used for criminal identity theft activity.

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Deter, Detect, Defend

There are many resources available for you to prevent identity theft. Please take a moment to learn about protecting your sensitive information, monitoring your credit and utilizing the correct services should you become a victim of identity theft.

The Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy’s website has a section specifically to address the issues of identity theft. You may view their website at: www.upenn.edu/privacy/identity_theft_overview_page.htm.

For information regarding the prevention and reporting of identity crimes and educational resources please visit the Federal Trade Commission’s website at: www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/become-a-partner.html.

Reporting Identity Theft

If you become a victim of identity theft, you can report the incident to the Penn Police Department by calling (215) 573-3333 or 511 from a campus phone.

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A Retrospective Exhibition of the Art of Bruce Montgomery

The Burrison Gallery is honored to present a special retrospective exhibition of the art of the late Bruce Montgomery, the long-time director of the Penn Glee Club. The exhibit runs now through October 23, encompasses work from his high school days in the 1940s at Germantown Friends School and continues through his years as a fine arts major at Bethany College, where his mentor was the well-known Swedish-American post-impressionist, Birger Sandzen. In the late 1950s, Monty found an artistic outlet through his sketches and oil paintings, which exemplified the prodigious talent behind his major career achievement.

Mr. Skaler is a forensic architect and historian, with a bachelor of architecture for more than 35 years. He graduated from Penn’s School of Fine Arts with a bachelor of architecture in 1955. He has been a member of the Victorian Society in America.

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The discussion and signing will be held on the Bookstore’s second floor at 6 p.m.

West Philadelphia: University City to Woodland Avenue

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The Arthur Ross Gallery has arranged for author Robert Morris Skaler to give a talk this evening at the Penn Bookstore on his book, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: University City to 52nd Street, during the Gallery’s current exhibiting exhibition, West Philadelphia: Building a Community.

The discussion and signing will be held on the Bookstore’s second floor at 6 p.m.

West Philadelphia: University City to 52nd Street is the first photographic history of the area in the past 100 years. Mr. Skaler presents rare images of the area, most of West Philadelphia row houses that tell the story of how Philadelphia became known as the “City of Homes.”

Mr. Skaler is a forensic architect and historian, collecting historical images of West Philadelphia for more than 35 years. He graduated from Penn’s School of Fine Arts with a bachelor of architecture in 1955. He is a former president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Victorian Society in America.

For information see www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead-real.html.

Events are subject to change. Information can be found on the sponsoring department’s website. Sponsors are listed in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Community Crime Report

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learning method. Her teaching is informed by her extensive clinical and administrative experience in patient health and well-being and by her work with individuals with serious psychological problems. She is a content expert in the assessment and application of brain and behavior neuroscience and psychopharmacology. In 2006, Dr. Hanrahan received the School of Nursing Teacher of the Year Award, her second undergraduate mentee. Dr. Hanrahan received the first Annual Undergraduate Mentored Research Award.

Dr. Sarah Hope Kagan, professor of gerontological nursing-clinician educator, has been appointed as the Lucy Walker Honorary Term Professor, The Geriatric Oncology Area of Nursing. Kagan teaches students across the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral programs in the School of Nursing as well as lectures and offers preceptorships in the School of Medicine. She is director of the Penn-United Kingdom Study Abroad Programs in the School of Nursing. She also directs the advanced qualitative methods course in the PhD program. Dr. Kagan’s inspiring teaching has been recognized through the receipt of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (in 1998), the School of Nursing Teaching Award (in 2001), the Barbara Lowry Doctoral Student Organization Faculty Award (in 2004), and by her designation as a Master Teacher by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Dr. Kagan’s clinical appointment is as clinical nurse specialist in the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania. She offers advising and mentoring consultation to patients, their families, nurses, and physicians on matters of symptom management, psychosocial oncology, geriatric oncology, and interdisciplinary team work. Her second book—published by Penn Press in 2009—is entitled Cancer in the Lives of Older Americans: Blessings and Battles.

Dr. Terri H. Lipman, professor of nursing of children, has been appointed as the Miriam Stirl Endowed Term Professor in Nutrition. The Stirl Chair is funded by a bequest from Miriam Stirl, HUP ’28, and has developed the interest in nutrition during her career in nursing. The University received this gift for the study and teaching of nutrition after her death in 1989. Dr. Lipman’s program of research focuses on the nutritional quality of foods purchased by those in diverse populations experiencing food insecurity and material hardship. Her research is inspired by her clinical practice at CHOP with children who have two health-compromising conditions: diabetes and growth disorders. Management of these conditions addresses two of the most pressing health issues facing children today. The reduction of health disparities for children is the guiding principle of Dr. Lipman’s work. She is praised by CHOP for her consistent and successful efforts to involve more nurses in clinical research including evidence-based guidelines, poster presentations and publications. Her contributions to the education of nursing students has been recognized through the 2002 Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Dr. William F. McCool, associate professor of nurse midwifery, has been appointed to the Term Associate Professor in Women’s Health. Dr. McCool’s research involves steps toward answering the question of why certain women experience intense, but uncomplicated births, while others suffer from a variety of complications and less desirable outcomes through the exploration of biobehavioral factors that influence women’s labor and delivery experiences. In particular, her focus is on how a pregnant woman’s level of stress and anxiety is related to the outcome of her labor and delivery experience. Practicing full-scope midwifery care through his affiliation with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), Dr. McCool is the first midwife to have practiced at the Helen G. DeVos Council for Women’s Health at HUP. He regularly works with students and other practitioners to offer care to pregnant women of all ages, adolescents in need of family planning, and post-menopausal women with gynecological health care needs. Dr. McCool teaches on the interdisciplinary and philosophical nature of the final integrative clinical course to midwifery students where they must integrate all they have learned before and practice as midwives prior to graduation. He is a 2002 recipient of the W. Newton Long Fund Committee award from the ACNM Foundation for promotion of nurse-midwifery research and currently serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health.

Dr. Ann L. O’Sullivan, professor of primary care nursing, has been appointed as the Dr. Hilda Agarde Reynolds Endowed Term Professor. The Dr. Hilda Agarde Reynolds Endowed Term Chair was founded earlier this year by a gift from Mr. Ralph F. Reynolds in memory of his mother Dr. Hilda Agarde Reynolds. During her career, Dr. Reynolds was an active member of the State of Alabama Board of Nursing and spearheaded many nursing education and practice changes. Dr. O’Sullivan will provide support to faculty research. Mrs. Laporte is an alumna of the School and member of the School’s Board of Overseers. Since beginning her appointment to the School of Nursing in 1997, Dr. Laporte has provided leadership in the science of injury research. She is an internationally renowned researcher in trauma, neuroscience, and critical care nursing. Her program of research examines human responses to and recovery trajectories following traumatic injury. She conducts studies focused on identifying factors to facilitate or impede optimal recovery, and mentors students to improve the clinical management of acutely ill and injured patients. Dr. Richmond is the co-founder and Research Director of the Firearm Injury Center, Division of Traumatology and Surgical Critical Care in the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where she leads interdisciplinary teams to reduce firearm violence and fulfill the Center’s mission “to create safer communities through the systematic reduction of injury and its repercussions to the individual, family and society.” She holds a secondary appointment as associate professor of nursing in surgery in the School of Medicine. Dr. Richmond won the University’s Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2008, the ‘Doctoral Student Organization’s Barbara Lowry Award for Doctoral Student Teaching and Mentoring also in 2008, and the School of Nursing’s Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching in 2004. She also won the School’s Outstanding Alumni Award in 2007.