Chair of Biostatistics & Epidemiology: Harold I. Feldman

Harold I. Feldman has been named chair of the department of biostatistics and epidemiology (DBE) and director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCEB) at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

A professor of medicine and epidemiology, he has been serving as interim chair of the DBE as well as interim director of the CCEB since 2012. In addition, Dr. Feldman holds a secondary appointment as professor of medicine in pediatrics.

“We are fortunate to have Dr. Feldman, an internationally renowned epidemiological researcher, a skilled educator and a highly experienced administrator,” said J. Larry Jameson, Dean of the Perelman School of the Medicine and Executive Vice President for the Health System. “With this combination of talents, he will no doubt lead Penn Medicine’s Biostatistics and Epidemiology Programs to their next level of accomplishment.”

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Dr. Feldman has received numerous awards for his work as an investigator and educator. Included among these have been his selection as an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association, receipt of Penn’s Samuel Martin Award in Health Evaluative Sciences and its Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, as well as election to the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians and the American Epidemiological Society.

Dr. Feldman’s published scholarship has appeared in most of the leading journals for clinical research. He has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed research publications from the research program he has led for over 25 years, supported by more than $50 million in extramural funding.

Award from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to Penn Med to Study Health Care Disparities Among People with Disabilities

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania has been awarded $1.5 million by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to launch the Mrs. A and Mr. B Project to study health care disparities among people with disabilities. A collaborative research effort with Virtual Ability, Inc., the study aims to provide patients with information that will help them make more informed decisions about their medical care.

“Those of us who have serious disabilities have even greater health care needs,” said the study’s principal investigator, Margaret G. Stineman, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and epidemiology, who has been disabled since birth. “We face overwhelming barriers to accessing even the most basic of health care services. It’s about time we went to the source and asked this population to tell us how to make health care better for them. I’m so excited about this innovative project because it uses a virtual world to create a unique setting for improving communication with people whose disabilities can restrict their movements in the physical world and whose voice might otherwise not be heard.”

The Mrs. A and Mr. B Project proposes to clarify health care disparities experienced by adult Medicare beneficiaries in the US. While many previous studies point to ethnic, economic and education-related disparities in health care access, little is really known about the challenges people with disabilities face or why they may be the most vulnerable to adverse medical outcomes. This project will identify the major obstacles to empowerment that the disabled encounter, such as: mobility and transportation restrictions, the lack of telephone and teledermatology to provide increased access to care and insensitive health care personnel untrained to the needs of people with disabilities.

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Class of 1965 Term Professor of Physics and Astronomy: Charles Kane

Charles Kane has been appointed the Class of 1965 Term Professor of Physics and Astronomy in Penn’s School of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Kane’s research focuses on the theory of quantum electronic phenomena in solids, including theories of one-dimensional conductors, the fractional quantum Hall effect, carbon nanotubes, graphene, the quantum spin Hall effect, topological insulators and topological quantum computing.

This year Dr. Kane was part of an international team named laureates of the 2013 Physics Frontier Prize, for work on the theoretical prediction and experimental discovery of topological insulators. In 2012, he became the first Penn professor to receive the Dirac Medal and Prize, given annually by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics to scientists who have made significant contributions to theoretical physics (Almanac October 16, 2012).

Last year Dr. Kane won the American Physical Society’s Oliver E. Buckley Condensed Matter Prize, awarded for outstanding theoretical or experimental contributions to condensed matter physics. He also received a five-year, $500,000 grant from the Simons Foundation. Likened to the MacArthur Foundation’s “Genius Grants,” the monetary prize has no parameters dictating its use; rather, it is intended to enable the recipient to pursue long-term studies of fundamental questions in theoretical fields (Almanac October 16, 2012).

Dr. Kane received the European Physical Society’s Condensed Matter Europhysics Prize in 2010 and has been a fellow of the American Physical Society since 2006. He joined Penn’s faculty in 1991.

The Class of 1965 Term Chair is one of five created by the Class in 1990. This unprecedented 25th Reunion Class Gift endowed a chair for each of the four undergraduate schools and one in honor of the College for Women.

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Chair’s Report: Faculty Senate Chair Dwight Jaggard could not attend, so Faculty Senate Past Chair Susan Margulies delivered his report and chaired the meeting. She briefly updated SEC on the activities of the Faculty Senate Committee. She reminded the committee that the December meeting will have one guest: Dawn Bonnell, Vice Provost for Research. She asked committee members to contribute suggestions for topics for her presentation. Suggestions can also be emailed to senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Past Chair’s Report: Faculty Senate Past Chair Susan Margulies reported that she has been attending Council of Presidents meetings and reminded the Senate Executive Committee that she is bound by a confidentiality agreement not to discuss the work of the Council of Presidents outside of the committee.

Update from the Executive Vice President: Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli explained the organizational structure of Penn’s central administration and identified the areas of the University that he was responsible for: Audit, Compliance and Privacy; Budget and Management Analysis; Business Services; Facilities and Real Estate Services; Finance; Human Resources; Information Systems & Computing; the Office of Investments; and Public Safety. He described how the central administration works with the schools to support the academic mission of the University. He identified four strategic initiatives his office was working on: campus development and operations; operational efficiency; academic development and growth initiatives; and financial stewardship and management. He asked for the Senate Executive Committee’s input on how better to communicate with the faculty about the areas under his purview.

SEC members and the Executive Vice President then discussed the following topics: the Health Advocate program, the administration of Penn’s health insurance, Concur, wellness initiatives, the relationship between the University and the Hospital System, reimbursement spending limits and new faculty orientation to the University.

Vote on the 2013-2014 Senate Nominating Committee Chair Ballots: SEC members voted for the chair of the 2013-2014 Senate Nominating Committee.

Vote on the Proposed Faculty Handbook Change requested by the School of Engineering and Applied Science: The Senate Executive Committee discussed the proposal from SEAS to raise the current limit on the number of Practice Professors to 10% of the number of Standing Faculty, from the cap now set at 5%. The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Vote on the Proposed Faculty Handbook Change requested by the School of Design: The Senate Executive Committee discussed the proposal from the School of Design to clarify that the Practice Professor track in the School of Design was a part-time position. The committee voted unanimously to approve this proposal.

Update from the Ombudsman: Associate Ombudsman Marcia Martinez-Helfman explained the role of the Ombudsman in assisting to resolve conflicts and disputes throughout the University. She suggested several areas where faculty might benefit from the services offered by the office, either for themselves or as a resource to recommend to others.

SEC members and the Associate Ombudsman then discussed the following topics: confidentiality concerns, the office’s designation as an agent of notice for the University and possible liability issues.

Update from the Vice President for Public Safety: Vice President for Public Safety Maureen Rush met with SEC on Public Safety’s Emergency Response Team and advised faculty on how to deal with an active shooter situation on campus. She gave an update on the Penn Alert system and how Penn communicates to the community in emergency situations.

SEC members and the Vice President for Public Safety then discussed Penn Alert notifications, Penn’s efforts to deter gun violence and further training opportunities for faculty on this topic.

Penn Medicine to Study Health Care Disparities Among People with Disabilities

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 Vicki Hewitt, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943 or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

The project name—Mrs. A. and Mr. B.—is a play on patient anonymity and intended to represent all people whose disabilities make them vulnerable to health care inequalities. “Our hope is that the project will promote empowerment and self-direction by providing better information for people with disabilities and also by demonstrating the importance of self-advocacy for better access and higher quality care,” said Dr. Stineman.

Dr. Stineman and colleagues will work toward these goals through collaboration with Virtual Ability, Inc., a non-profit corporation that enables people with wide ranges of disabilities by providing them with online tools to function in virtual worlds. It is with the use of Virtual Ability, a computer program, that Dr. Stineman and colleagues will be able interact with their study participants and collect data.

“It is an honor for our community members to be part of this research team,” said Alice Krueger, president of Virtual Ability, Inc., who has a progressive disability. “We look forward to not only providing valuable information, but also to having a part in collecting and interpreting that data. This is a new role for persons with disabilities.”

The Mrs. A. and Mr. B. Project applies community-based participatory research to ensure equal participation of patient stakeholders and clinician scientists through the integration of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Input from study participants will provide the basis for the data collected. “Patients are at the center of everything health providers do, therefore it is essential to ask people with disabilities to help address and guide how health care should be delivered to them,” said Dr. Stineman.

In addition, thousands of surveys from Medicare beneficiaries will be analyzed to see if there is evidence that people who experience better access to care believe they receive higher-quality care—and thus, give their providers higher ratings and ultimately, have comparatively better outcomes. “We anticipate that those who have better access to care will be less likely to have onset or progression of disabilities, be more able to avoid nursing home placement and will survive longer,” said Dr. Stineman.

The Penn Medicine study is one of 51 projects to receive funding from PCORI over a three-year period.

Dr. Stineman receives no financial compensation from Virtual Ability, Inc.
Death

Dr. Mackler, Medicine

Dr. Scott A. Mackler, professor of medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, passed away November 13 at home, after a 15-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease); he was 55.

A clinician/scientist in the area of addiction, Dr. Mackler served on Penn’s faculty from 1992 until his passing, where he directed his lab in the John Morgan Building. He coupled clinical practice in the area of general medical care to those with substance abuse problems with basic science research. His research focused on identifying which mRNAs have their levels regulated by cocaine in order to better define the molecular basis of the self-administration of addictive drugs. Dr. Mackler taught medical students, residents, post doctoral fellows, nurses and other Penn faculty in many different departments in the area of substance abuse. He also had appointments in the departments of pharmacology and psychiatry as well as the Mahoney Institute of Neurological Sciences.

Dr. Mackler received several awards for his successful research on drug addiction, which focused on a protein in the brain that he and his colleagues discovered. He spent later years of his research studying that protein’s possible connection to ALS. The Scott Mackler Award for Excellence in Substance Abuse Teaching was established in 2000 by the Penn/VA Center for Studies of Addiction and the department of Psychiatry. In addition, he was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and recipient of the Order of the First State, Delaware’s highest civilian honor.

Dr. Mackler used a brain-based communication device known as a brain-computer interface (BCI) to communicate letter-by-letter. He was featured in many news articles and magazines, including CBS News’ 60 Minutes in 2008 (www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=5228109n) and in the Pennsylvania Gazette’s July/August 2009 issue (www.upenn.edu/gazette/0709/feature_1_1.html).

The Scott A. Mackler, MD, PhD Assistive Technology Program, overseen by the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, & Mildred Mackler, PT’80, G’84, Dr. Mackler’s wife; a daughter, Chloë, C’09; a son, Dr. Daniel Gianola, professor in the department of materials science and engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, is the recipient of a 2014 Early Career Faculty Fellow Award from the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS). The award recognizes a tenure-track assistant professor who has “demonstrated accomplishment in advancing their academic institution and in broadening the technological profile of TMS with the goal of engaging members in relevant activities.”

Dr. Gianola will receive his award at the TMS spring meeting in San Diego and will speak at its Young Leaders Tutorial Luncheon to take place on February 18, 2014. Dr. Gianola’s research interests lie in the area of nanomechanics, and his research program focuses on understanding, modeling and predicting the mechanical response of advanced materials at reduced length scales.

Hilton Inn at Penn: AAA 4 Diamonds

For the 13th consecutive year, the Inn at Penn has been awarded the AAA Four Diamond rating. The AAA Diamond rating process is North America’s premier rating program and is considered a trusted source of quality when traveling.

To be awarded AAA Four Diamond status, a hotel must offer accommodations which are progressively more refined and stylish than a standard property. The physical attributes of the building must reflect an obvious enhanced level of quality throughout the facility. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail. Being ranked as a AAA Four Diamond property showcases the Hilton’s Inn at Penn dedication to all areas of hotel and travel services.

Penn, Carnegie Mellon Receive Grant for Transportation Research

The University of Pennsylvania, and Carnegie Mellon University have received a $5.65 million US Department of Transportation Grant for a joint research center to conduct transportation technology research and development. This two-year grant will allow the Penn CMU partnership, Technologies for Safe and Efficient Transportation, or T-SET, to continue to develop and implement new technologies.

“It’s great to be recognized as a national DOT transportation center,” said Dan Lee, co-director of T-SET and professor of electrical and systems engineering in Penn’s School of Engineering and Applied Science. “Our faculty and students are excited to be working on research related to improving the safety and efficiency of our transportation systems.”

This is the third time T-SET has received the federal University Transportation Center Award. The partnership between the universities advances transportation safety, improves the quality and efficiency of roadways and saves travel time. Researchers will find ways to improve safety, upgrade infrastructure and ensure that the best new technologies come from American companies. Penn and CMU have also engaged more than 40 public, private, and non-profit partners who are critical in deploying the federally funded research technologies through pilot projects and commercialization. In addition, this consortium contributes to the development of “real world” education and workforce training programs at Penn and CMU to prepare students and workers for tomorrow’s transportation infrastructure and policy challenges.

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Honors & Other Things

CCDC Board: Ms. Currano

Ms. Judith Currano, head of Penn Libraries’ Chemistry Library, has been named to the Board of Governors of the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) for a four-year term, effective May 2014. The CCDC is a non-profit organization and a registered charity in the United Kingdom best known as a repository for chemical crystal structures. The CCDC is dedicated to the advancement of chemistry and crystallography for the public benefit through providing high quality information, software and services. It is supported by sales of crystal structure modeling and visualization software and the Cambridge Structural Database, a compilation of these crystal structures, to which Penn Librarians subscribe.

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Dr. J. Kevin Foskett, Isaac Ott Professor and chair of physiology, is the recipient of the Stanley N. Cohen Biomedical Research Award, which recognizes a faculty member for a body of work with an emphasis on biomedical research. His groundbreaking studies of the molecular mechanisms of calcium signaling have resulted in groundbreaking contributions to the understanding of cellular bioenergetics, programmed cell death and Alzheimer’s disease. Another main focus has been the biophysics, cell biology and physiology of the normal and disease-causing cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) and its role in regulating lung salt and water homeostasis. A third focus has been his identification and characterization of a new family of ion channels and the demonstration that one member plays an essential role in taste perception. His work has addressed challenges of great importance, as evidenced in his publication record over the past five years of more than 30 peer-reviewed and 9 invited review articles, including three in Cell, three in Nature and Nature Cell Biology and others, including the Journal of Clinical Investigation, Neuron, PNAS and Science Signaling, and the more than 3,700 citations of his work. Dr. Foskett’s originality, innovativeness and curiosity have resulted in multiple seminal contributions to a variety of areas of biomedical research.

Dr. Muredach P. Reilly, associate professor of medicine, is the recipient of the William Osler Patient Oriented Research Award, which is granted to a faculty member for a body of work with an emphasis on clinical research. He is a nationally recognized leader in patient-oriented research, examining the pathophysiology and genetic basis of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Reilly is a cardiologist who has established himself as a leader in translational and genomic studies in cardio-metabolic disorder. He is recognized internationally for his novel work linking adipose biology with atherosclerosis, and his adoption and application of innovative research technologies is cutting-edge. Dr. Reilly is considered by his colleagues to be a physician scientist who looks to his patients to develop new research hypotheses of great public health importance. His tenacious pursuit of knowledge and the zeal of his research efforts have resulted in groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of the regulation of B cell tolerance and that it is defective in some patients with conditions such as Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and Type 1 Diabetes. Understanding how the antibody repertoire is selected lies at the heart of the functional and clinical heterogeneity within diseases such as SLE. Being able to distinguish different disease variants in humans with autoimmunity will open new avenues for individualized therapy and prognostication. Her work has relevance not only for autoimmune conditions, but also for neoplastic disorders of B cells. It will also reveal insights into how the immune system functions in immune responses to medically relevant pathogens.

Dr. Gregory P. Bisson, assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology, is the recipient of the Marjorie A. Bowman New Investigator Research Award, which recognizes a junior faculty member whose research has illuminated a fundamental clinical problem or improved the organization and delivery of health care. Dr. Bisson’s research mission is to improve health outcomes among patients with HIV and HIV-associated conditions, with a focus on opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis. From the earliest stages of his career, he displayed both an unwavering commitment to global health and an exceptional ability to use rigorous epidemiological methods to test innovative clinical research hypotheses of great public health importance. His scientific achievements have occurred while simultaneously leading the establishment of Penn’s research efforts in the sub-Saharan African country of Botswana, now the primary site for numerous NIH and private foundation research grants, many of which has led. His work building his own scientific career and the research program in Botswana has resulted in a deep passion for mentoring others in infectious disease and global health research. Yet his program building and mentoring have not impeded his own outstanding research success, illustrated in his peer-reviewed publications and significant grant support from both the NIH and the Doris Duke Foundation. His unique combination of creativity, methodological expertise and passion for clinical research make him the epitome of a deserving young investigator.

Dr. Brian Litt, is the recipient of the Luigi Masotti, Jr., Clinical Innovator Award that recognizes a clinician who has pioneered the invention and development of new techniques, procedures and approaches which change medical practice. Dr. Litt is unique to Penn and has been breaking ground since being recruited 12 years ago. A world-renowned specialist in epilepsy, Dr. Litt’s clinical focus is on caring for the most difficult seizure patients. He has combined his extensive clinical (continued on page 5)
ical experience in epilepsy management with a background in engineering and computer science to develop devices and computational approaches for treating neurological disease; his work has been described as “game changing.” He has made advances in understanding the pathophysiology of epilepsy and has contributed technology to several implantable devices recently approved or obtaining approval to treat patients. His pioneering work has helped enable closed loop devices to treat epilepsy, implantable devices to predict seizures, and a new cloud-based approach to managing nervous system disorders. His lab has also helped produce a new class of high-resolution, flexible, active devices to map and modulate neural systems. His steady, prominent, innovative clinical and scientific contributions hold potential, not only for treatment of epilepsy, but in fields such as cardiology and nervous system disorders. A professor in both neurology and bioengineering, his research, educational, and entrepreneurial programs will ensure the growth and proliferation of this kind of work for years to come.

Dr. Michael A. Acker, William Mau Measey Professor of Surgery, vice chair of the department of surgery, chief of the division of cardiothoracic surgery, and director of the Heart and Vascular Center for the Penn Health System, is the recipient of the Alfred Stengel Health System Champion Award. This award is granted to a physician who has contributed significantly to the clinical integration of UPHS. He has worked to increase the number of patients in the system, to enhance collaboration between different providers to deliver the best possible care for patients and to leverage new ideas in the organization of UPHS to further efforts at quality, access and patient-centered care. He is passionate about having UPHS provide the best care for patients with heart disease, and he has successfully worked across hospitals and across traditional departmental structures to achieve this goal. He has provided visionary and innovative ideas to maintain a high standard of clinical excellence in patient care. He has promoted disease-focused centers, incorporating many transformational ideas for reorganizing Penn Medicine for patient-centered care, including clinical, financial, and operational models. His focus is on optimizing and enhancing the patient experience, including improved quality outcome, development of lifetime care plans and collocation of services based around diseases. Dr. Acker is regarded by his colleagues as “a Penn champion in every sense.”

Dr. Anne F. Reilly, professor of clinical pediatrics and medical director of the division of oncology at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, is the recipient of the I.S. Radvin Master Clinician Award. This award recognizes an active clinician who is regarded by his colleagues as a masterful practitioner. Dr. Reilly is the consummate physician. In the clinic, she is known to be calm, compassionate, thoughtful, and insightful, with a remarkable fund of knowledge and an evidence-based approach to patient care. She has shaped a clinical operation that has been emulated by pediatric cancer units across the country, and her ability to lead highly functional, fully integrated teams is remarkable. She is also an outstanding mentor and role model for junior clinicians and has found ways to effectively and comfortably incorporate students, residents and fellows into the rhythm of the floor. As a pediatric physician, she is tireless, effective and exacting, but she is also regarded as sympathetic, patient, kind and endlessly helpful. She is a superb clinical oncologist who has championed not only patient safety, but has also been a vocal advocate for physicians in general and women in particular. She has set the standard as an outstanding leader and educator, as well as a compassionate physician.

Dr. Craig S. Wynne is the recipient of the Sylvan Eisman Outstanding Primary Care Physician Award. This award recognizes a Health System primary care physician who goes beyond the norm and exemplifies the Health System’s excellent care. Dr. Wynne is regarded as the consummate primary care provider, compassionate, thorough and dedicated to both the individual patient and the population of patients he practices serves. He is constantly seeking ways to improve the quality and safety of medical care and has worked with his colleagues to improve access and enhance the triage of patient care issues. He was instrumental in the implementation of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) within UPHS, and has worked to use EMR in the coordination of complex care, including individuals with multiple chronic diseases. His leadership in practice management is second only to his extraordinary performance in the direct delivery of medical care. He is respected for his knowledge, compassion, clinical judgment and a passion for doing what is right and caring for those who are most vulnerable. Colleagues remark on his “tremendous judgment when it comes to balancing the complex and sometimes conflicting medical needs of his patients.” He is the type of primary care provider who epitomizes the overarching importance of patient first.

Dr. Noel N. Williams is the recipient of the Louis Durrhing Outstanding Clinical Specialist Award that goes to a teaching and practicing physician in a clinical or ancillary department who combined biomedical research with clinical insight and knowledge to provide leading-edge service and creative care to patients and colleagues. Dr. Williams has led the administrative evolution of bariatric surgery at Penn. He has developed multiple collaborative teams to deal with specialized clinical issues, including plastic surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, renal transplant surgeons, sleep medicine experts and the specialists at the Center for Weight and Eating Disorders. He is an extraordinary practitioner, whose technical expertise is matched by his compassion and personal concern for his patients. He takes responsibility for his patients’ total outcomes, not just their technical procedures. He has played a critical role in leading efforts to establish a common pre-operative and post-operative care path delivered to all patients at the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, a program that has improved quality of care while reducing costs. He is the highest volume bariatric surgeon in the region, and the most sought after expert opinion and referral destination for complex cases and complications. His colleagues greatly admire his surgical expertise, intellectual rigor and his dedication to his work.

Dr. Michael S. Parmacek, Herbert C. Rorer Professor in Medical Sciences, is a nationally recognized expert in cardiovascular biology and medicine. He is the recipient of the Arthur Asbury Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. Established in 2004, it recognizes a faculty member who has fostered professional development of other faculty members by providing inspiring and effective counsel and opportunities for achievement. The mentor establishes a supportive and nurturing relationship with younger faculty members and helps them to negotiate the complex demands of academic life, improve their skills and opportunities, and reconcile the competing claims of work and home life. He has distinguished himself in a number of leadership roles, including the Advisory Council of the NIH/NHLBI, division chief of cardiovascular medicine, founding director of Penn Medicine’s Cardiovascular Institute and interim chair of the department of medicine. Described as an inspiring and compassionate leader and mentor and an outstanding role model for “celebrating family while pursuing a rigorous academic career,” his mentees, comment on his ability to mentor over the course of a career and to work closely with them on plans for strategic career development. Known for his “beguiling charm, dry wit and disarming frankness,” a number of mentees note his ability to be straightforward and honest “even when the conversation is difficult” and to provide criticism without offense. Described as selfless, as one who tenaciously seeks out resources to provide a supportive environment for his mentees to thrive, he is able to identify potential in his mentees and inspires them to “take risks and to move outside their comfort zones” and to create for their own communities. A number of his mentees have moved into leadership positions and credit him and his mentoring with helping them to develop the skills sets to advance their careers. He is described as a great listener, a trusted advisor, a tireless advocate and one who “always delivers on what he promises.”
Summary Annual Reports for the University of Pennsylvania (for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012)

Basic Plan
This is a summary of the annual report of The University of Pennsylvania Basic Plan (Plan No. 028) sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, EIN: 23-1352685. This annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement
Benefits under the plan are provided through unallocated insurance contracts and a trust fund. Plan expenses were $14,408,150. These expenses included $0 in administrative expenses, $14,399,036 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries and other expenses of $9,114. A total of 218,811 participants were in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $479,215,227 as of December 31, 2012, compared to $399,191,298 as of January 1, 2012. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of $80,023,829. This increase includes net unrealized appreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the plan year and the value of those assets at the beginning of the plan year or the cost of assets acquired during the plan year. The plan had total income of $94,431,979, including employer contributions of $2,366,208, employee rollover contributions of $206,956 and gains from investments of $51,358,815.

Matching Plan
This is a summary of the annual report of The University of Pennsylvania Matching Plan (Plan No. 001) sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, EIN: 23-1352685. This annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement
Benefits under the plan are provided through unallocated insurance contracts and a trust fund. Plan expenses were $10,000. These expenses included $0 in administrative expenses, $163,362,337 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries and other expenses of $32,773. A total of 22,986 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $3,118,966,313 as of December 31, 2012, compared to $2,854,045,743 as of January 1, 2012. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of $264,920,570. This increase includes net unrealized appreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the plan year and the value of assets acquired during the plan year. The plan had total income of $428,315,680, including employer contributions of $51,613,992, employee contributions of $55,214,892, employee rollover contributions of $5,400,043 and earnings from investments of $316,086,753.

Your Rights to Additional Information
Under ERISA, you have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, upon request. The items listed below are included in that report for the University of Pennsylvania Basic Plan:

1. Accountant’s opinion;
2. Financial information;
3. Information on payments to service providers;
4. Assets held for investment;
5. Insurance information; and
6. Information regarding pooled separate accounts in which the plan participates.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Administrator, c/o Joanne M. Blythe, Retirement Manager, University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 527A, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, (215) 898-9947. The charge to cover copying costs will be $5 for the full annual report or 25 cents per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the Plan Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both for the University of Pennsylvania Basic Plan. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Plan Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

Supplemental Retirement Annuity Plan
This is a summary of the annual report of The Supplemental Retirement Annuity Plan (Plan No. 002) sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, EIN: 23-1352685. This annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement
Benefits under the plan are provided through unallocated insurance contracts and a trust fund. Plan expenses were $790,620. These expenses included $0 in administrative expenses, $32,535,816 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries and other expenses of $6,974. A total of 24,394 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $649,917,982 as of December 31, 2012, compared to $558,017,296 as of January 1, 2012. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of $91,900,686. This increase includes net unrealized appreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the plan year and the value of assets acquired during the plan year. The plan had total income of $124,443,476 including employee contributions of $39,932,893, employee rollover contributions of $16,821,868 and gains from investments of $67,688,715.

Your Rights to Additional Information
Under ERISA, you have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, upon request. The items listed below are included in that report for the University of Pennsylvania Health and Welfare Plan for Retirees and Disabled Employees:

1. Accountant’s opinion;
2. Financial information;
3. Information on payments to service providers;
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5. Insurance information; and
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You also have the legally protected right under ERISA to examine the annual reports in the offices of the Employer at the address for the Plan Administrator, above, and at the US Department of Labor in Washington, DC, or to obtain a copy from the US Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, US Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.
**Update**

November AT PENN

**FILMS**

Native Eyes Film Showcase Week
Films at 6:30 p.m. in Greenfield Intercultural Center.
19 My Village My Lobster; discussion by Ken Schindler, Natives at Penn (NaP).
20 Rabbit Proof Fence; discussion by Jordanna Reddenck, Natives at Penn (NaP).
21 Skin; discussion by Rosalia Badhorse, NaP.

**MUSIC**

22 Penn Jazz Fall Concert; 6 p.m.; Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall; $10. Also November 23, 8 p.m. (Penn Jazz Ensemble).

**ON STAGE**

22 Flappers and Falsettos; 8 p.m.; Iron Gate Theater; $12/door, $10/Locust Walk. Also November 23 (Arts House Dance Company; Penn Masala).

**READING & SIGNING**

21 Uno sguardo a sud. Vent’anni di movimenti, storie, conflitti e trasformazioni in Calabria e in Napoli, 1990-2010; Patrizia La Trecchia, author; 6 p.m.; Cherpack Seminar Room, Williams Hall (Italian Studies).

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

22 Annual Fall Harvest; Native Heritage Month; 1 p.m.; Greenfield Cultural Center (NaP).
24 Native Heritage Month Closing Event; 3 p.m.; Greenfield Intercultural Center (NaP).

**TALKS**

20 Promise and Pitfalls of Targeting mTOR Signaling; Joseph Baur, physiology; 3 p.m.; Auditorium, BRB II/III; register: (215) 898-3163 (Institute on Aging).
21 Nonfarming Diversification, Poverty, Economic Mobility and Income Equality: A Case Study in Village India; Peter Langjau, World Bank; noon; ste. 560, CASI (CASI).

**AT PENN Deadlines**

The November AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the January AT PENN calendar is Tuesday, December 3.

Information is on the sponsoring department’s website. Sponsors are in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu.

**The University of Pennsylvania Police Department**

**Community Crime Report**

**About the Crime Report:** Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for November 4-10, 2013. Also reported were 24 Crimes Against Property (18 thefts, 3 other offenses, 1 burglary, 1 disorderly conduct offense and 1 liquor law offense). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v60/11/14/creport.html Prior weeks’ reports are also online. —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety (DPS) and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of November 4-10, 2013. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4488.

**18th District Report**

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 5 incidents with 1 arrest (4 robberies and 1 assault) were reported between November 4-10, 2013 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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Complainant punched in the face by unknown person

Threats made to complainant

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Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week events

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A Message to the Penn Community From President Amy Gutmann Regarding Typhoon Haiyan

As news emerges of the devastation in the Philippines caused by Typhoon Haiyan, our hearts and thoughts are with all of those who have been impacted by this terrible tragedy.

The needs in the Philippines are enormous, and many people on campus have asked how they can help. The organizations listed below have all initiated relief efforts. Visit their websites to read how you may be able to donate or help. These organizations are recommended because they have a long-standing record of success in responding to international crises:


Doctors Without Borders: http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/

UNICEF: https://secure.unicefusa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=16500&16500.donation=form1

AmeriCares: http://americares.org/

The Penn Philippine Association has held meetings to formalize plans for fundraising and relief efforts. As those plans are finalized they will be publicized on campus.

Those students, faculty or staff interested in fundraising and relief efforts may contact the Penn Philippine Association or the Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH). Fundraising took place in conjunction with Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week events last week, including the November 14 concert which raised over $2000 for Gawad Kalinga.

Those who might be affected by the tragedy are encouraged to contact the following offices for counseling assistance:

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) (215) 898-7021 http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/caps

Office of Student Affairs (215) 898-6533 or osa@dolphin.upenn.edu http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/

Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH) (215) 746-6046 http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/pan-asianglobal

International Student and Scholar Services (215) 898-4661 http://global.upenn.edu/isss

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Employee Assistance Program (888) 321-4433 http://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/worklife/health/emp

Overcoming Catastrophe as an International Community

The Penn Philippine Association (PPA) would like to offer our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families and loved ones of those affected by Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda and many thanks to all those who have shown support so far.

As a student organization with members both from the Philippines and with family living in the country, we realize in this difficult time that much work needs to be done. We firmly believe in the spirit and the resilience of the Filipino people and pray for their speedy recovery in the aftermath of this catastrophe. PPA would also like to emphasize our availability for any students, faculty and staff to find the resources and support necessary to cope with this horrible disaster.

As history has shown, crises on this scale are only overcome as an international community.

Of all of us look forward to partnering with organizations throughout the area to bolster relief efforts immediately. If you or your group is interested in collaborating toward relief efforts, please contact our board at ppa.board@gmail.com

A Coffeehouse to Support Gawad Kalinga

The Penn Philippine Association (PPA) has decided that their primary charity will be Gawad Kalinga. In response to Typhoon Haiyan, Gawad Kalinga has focused on distributing kitchen, housing, and food supplies to victims in hard-to-reach areas. The organization cooperates with local government and international aid groups in order to bring needed items the “last mile” to the families that other groups can’t yet reach. Gawad Kalinga (which means to “give care” in Filipino) is a Philippine-based poverty alleviation and nation-building movement that will be concentrating its efforts on helping to rebuild devastated areas in the Philippines.

In addition, Gawad Kalinga has been suggested by Penn’s Center for High Impact Philanthropy blog as an “On The Ground” charity to give to, see link: http://www.impact.upenn.edu/blog/page/philippines_typhoon_how_can_i_help?cm_mid=2854380&cm_crmid=010313ea-353a-e211-b20c-78e3b5b081538&cm_medium=email

Gawad Kalinga: http://gk-usa.org/donations/

PPA, in collaboration with Undergraduate Assembly, Oracle Senior Honor Society, UPAN, Asian Pacific Student Coalition, United Minorities Council, FIMRC, Penn for UNICEF, PAACH and VPUL, is conducting fundraising programs for Gawad Kalinga.

A Charity Coffeehouse, WATERPROOF, will be held this Thursday, November 21 to benefit Philippine Typhoon Relief. 8-11 p.m. at the Penn Newman Center (3720 Chestnut St). Food will be provided. $10 Entry, $8 with purchase of shirt. Group rates available (S8/person or 10+, $7/person with purchase of shirt). Email ppa.board@gmail.com with any questions.

—Operation Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund Team

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Source: United Nations; MapAction; WorldPop; Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System

According to the Philippine government, the typhoon took thousands of lives, destroyed at least 80,000 homes, and though the numbers of people left homeless vary, their estimates put it at more than 582,000 and there are millions of people in need of food, water and shelter.