Inaugural James S. Riepe Professor at Penn’s Graduate School of Education: Laura Perna

Laura Perna has been named the James S. Riepe Professor in the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Education. This newly created professorship has been awarded by Penn President Amy Gutmann in honor of the former chairman of Penn’s Board of Trustees.

“Jim Riepe’s decades of unbounded and selfless service to Penn have set a very high standard for how an alumnus gives back to his alma mater,” President Gutmann said. “From serving for 10 years as an active and engaged chair of the Board of Trustees to the philanthropic generosity he and his wife, Gail, have shown, Jim is one of Penn’s heroes.

“I am pleased to name Dr. Laura Perna as the first James S. Riepe Professor,” President Gutmann said. “Laura and her scholarship have made—and undoubtedly will continue to make—substantial contributions to the body of knowledge about how to improve college access and educational attainment.”

Wharton alumnus Mr. Riepe served as board chairman from 1999 to 2009 and oversaw a decade of growth and institutional accomplishment at Penn. During his term, the University’s endowment increased 58 percent, and he continues to serve on many Penn boards and committees. Mr. Riepe is senior advisor and retired vice chairman of the board of directors of T. Rowe Price Group and former chairman of the T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds. Penn’s Riepe College House is named for him and his wife, Gail Petty Riepe.

Dr. Perna is a respected national expert on the ways tuition, financial aid, academic preparation and other policies and practices determine who goes to college and who makes it to graduation. She joined Penn’s Graduate School of Education in 2005 and is the founding executive director of the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy, or Penn AHEAD, and chair of the Higher Education Division of GSE. Through her research, Dr. Perna finds policy solutions to closing gaps in educational attainment for students from traditionally underrepresented groups. She is also a faculty fellow of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, faculty affiliate of the Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative, member of the Advisory Board for the Nettor Center for Community Partnerships and member of the Social Welfare Graduate Group of the School of Social Policy & Practice.

Her research has been supported by grants from the US Department of Education’s Institute of Education Science, the Lumina Foundation for Education, the American Educational Research Association and Association for Institutional Research, among others. She is also on the board of directors of the Institute for Higher Education Policy.

Dr. Perna has served on the editorial boards of leading journals including the American Education Research Journal, Educational Researcher and Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis and is associate editor of Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research. Dr. Perna has held leadership positions in the primary national associations in the field of higher education administration. She is currently president-elect of the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). In 2003, the ASHE awarded her the Promising Scholar/Early Career Achievement Award. In 2010 she was awarded the Christian K. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching from Penn (Almanac April 20, 2010), and in 2011 she received the Robert P. Huff Golden Quill Award from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

She is also a Penn fellow and a fellow of the American Education Research Association.

$8 Million Grant for Penn Mesothelioma Program to Study Effects of Therapy Plus Surgery on Patient Survival & Disease Progression

Researchers at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with the Roswell Park Cancer Institute have received an $8 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to study the effects of photodynamic light therapy (PDT) in patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma, a rare, aggressive and deadly cancer that most often manifests itself in the lining of the lungs and is caused almost exclusively by exposure to asbestos. The grant will fund a clinical trial and additional studies looking at the effects of PDT on the patient’s immune response, the tumor cell itself and the blood vessels surrounding the tumor.

Approximately 3,000 new cases of mesothelioma are diagnosed each year in the United States, with numbers expected to rise worldwide due to past exposure to asbestos. Mesothelioma is a cancer for which there is currently little to no hope for a cure,” said Eli Glatstein, the principal investigator of the program project grant and professor and vice chair of radiation oncology, and member of Penn’s Mesothelioma and Pleural Program, one of the world’s leading Centers in the research and treatment of mesothelioma. “This trial represents a major step in understanding the combination of treatment modalities that will offer patients the best hope for survival and extended remission.”

The study, which expects to enroll 102 patients over four years, will administer Photofrin, a photosensitizing agent that makes cancer cells more sensitive to dying from light therapy, to trial participants 24 hours prior to surgery. Patients will undergo a radical pleurectomy, the removal of the pleura or lining of the lung along with the tumor cells contained within. They will then be randomized to two arms: half will receive PDT intraoperatively via an intense laser inserted in the chest cavity during the surgery, along with post-operative standard chemotherapy; and half will receive only post-operative chemotherapy, Photofrin absorbs the light from the laser and produces an active form of oxygen that can destroy residual microscopic cancer cells left behind after surgery. Radical pleurectomy allows mesothelioma patients to keep their lung and is associated with better postoperative quality of life and improved survival compared with other common definitive mesothelioma surgeries.

“PDT has been a part of our treatment regimen along with a lung-sparing surgery for many years, but a randomized clinical trial such as this remains necessary to prove its efficacy,” said Dr. Glatstein.

PDT is known to kill cancer cells, but researchers also seek to understand the patient’s immune response, the tumor microenvironment and the blood vessels in and surrounding the tumor in three additional studies funded under the grant. The second project will examine the process by which PDT works to destroy tumor cells and look at whether there is an agent—a drug or other therapy—that can boost its effects.

The third project will look at whether certain pathways roused during surgery may play a key role in inflammation and cell growth and thus contribute to treatment failure in any way, and whether inhibiting these pathways will improve the efficacy of intraoperative PDT.

Finally, the team will study the vasculature of the tumor in patients following PDT and evaluate any changes in the vascular environment as a result of intraoperative PDT and the potential for modulation to improve the efficacy of the treatment.

“This trial will help us understand how PDT works in the body and what we may be able to do in the future to improve the body’s response to the therapy,” said Dr. Glatstein.

Other key investigators include Drs. Joseph Friedberg, thoracic surgery; Keith Cengel, Theresa Busch and Chuck Simone, radiation oncology; and Steve Albelda, pulmonary medicine.
The Consultative Committee for the Selection of a Dean of the Graduate School of Education was convened by President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price on August 28, 2013. During its four months of work, the full Committee met on 12 occasions and reported its recommendations to the President and the Provost on December 19, 2013. The Committee members were:

**Chair**
Michael A. Fitts, Bernard G. Segal Professor of Law and Dean of the Law School (Law)

**Faculty**
Vivian L. Gadson, William T. Carter Professor of Child Development & Education (GSE)
Larry Gladney, Edmund J. & Louise W. Kahn Professor for Faculty Excellence, Professor of Education and Chair of the Department of Physics & Astronomy (SAS/GSE)
Joan F. Goodman, Professor of Education (GSE)
Rebecca A. Maynard, University Trustee Professor of Education and Social Policy (GSE)
Howard C. Stevenson, Professor of Education (GSE)
Beth A. Winkelstein, Professor of Bioengineering and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education (SEAS)
Stanton E. F. Wortham, Judy & Howard Berkowitz Professor of Education and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (GSE)

**Students**
Paul McCormick, EdD Candidate in Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education (GSE)
Ayoung Lee, Master’s candidate in Intercultural Communication (GSE)

**Ex-officio**
Joann Mitchell, Vice President for Institutional Affairs

**Alumni and Overseer Representatives**
Eleanor Fogarty, GRD’08
Joel M. Greenblatt, W’79, WG’80 and Chair of the Graduate School of Education Board of Overseers

**Consultants to the Committee**
Jean Dowdall, Witt/Kieffer
Robin Mamlet, Witt/Kieffer
Oliver Tomlin, Witt/Kieffer

**Staff to the Committee**
Adam Michaels, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President

The Committee was greatly aided in its efforts by Jean Dowdall, Robin Mamlet and Oliver Tomlin of Witt/Kieffer and considered the dossiers of several hundred candidates and potential candidates. The Committee then interviewed a group of 11 semi-finalists that included four women, two African-Americans, one Hispanic and one Asian. The six individuals recommended for consideration were selected from this group of 11 interviewed semi-finalists.
Matthew Lane has been appointed Vice Dean for Finance & Administration in the School of Arts & Science. Dean Stavros Frahiarty announced the appointment which is effective immediately. Mr. Lane oversees the School’s financial and administrative infrastructure, including the areas of finance, budget, facilities, human resources and information technology. Mr. Lane has served as interim Vice Dean for Finance & Administration since January, while also serving as the School’s Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Operations, a position he has held since 2011. From 2007 to 2011 he was Executive Director of the department of chemistry, responsible for all non-academic aspects of that large and complex unit. Prior to that he served for six years in the School’s budget office, the last two as its director.

Earlier in his career Mr. Lane worked for the Dade County Administrative Office of the Courts in Miami, Florida and the City of Philadelphia Streets Department. He received his BA from Earlham College and a master of governmental administration from Penn’s Fels Institute of Government.

“Matt brings a diverse range of leadership experience within, and a broad knowledge of, the School of Arts & Sciences to this important role,” said Dean Frahiarty. “Having conducted a national search to fill this position, I am delighted that we were able to identify the best candidate right here in the School.”

Regine Metellus has been named Executive Director for Finance & Administration at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2). SP2 Dean John L. Jackson, Jr., announced her appointment.

Ms. Metellus most recently served as Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at the Urban League of Philadelphia, where she was responsible for the financial, human resources and facility functions, as well as all of the organization’s programmatic activities. Ms. Metellus developed a structure to create an operating reserve for the Urban League to ensure long-term sustainability. As a direct result of this and additional efforts, over the course of eight years, Ms. Metellus helped to increase the Urban League’s revenue by 54 percent.

Ms. Metellus’ career includes over 20 years of progressive, hands-on management experience. Before her nine-year stint at the Urban League, she also served in such key roles as Director of Finance for Eastern Division Advertising Sales at Comcast Corporation, where she managed a budget of $145 million. Ms. Metellus started her career as an auditor at Price Waterhouse. She holds an MBA from Temple University and a BS in accounting from Boston College, as well as several accreditations, including Certified Public Account (earned in New York State). Ms. Metellus has an established reputation as a strong finance professional with excellent management, analytical and communication skills. In 2008, she was recognized as the Philadelphia Business Journal, CFO of the Year in the small non-profit category.

“I am happy to say that we had a lot of strong candidates, but Regine stood out as the most potentially transformative of them all!” Dean Jackson said. “Moreover, her larger set of ongoing interests/ commitments mesh wonderfully with SP2’s mission and goals.”

In addition to a wealth of finance expertise, Ms. Metellus brings a passion for contributing to the betterment of society, as evident by her volunteer experience. She has served on multiple boards, including the Maternity Care Coalition, People’s Emergency Center, Philadelphia Works and Teenshop, Inc. among others.

Ms. Metellus is excited to bring her skills and expertise to Penn, and specifically to SP2: “It is an honor to join such a prestigious institution, and I look forward to working with Dean Jackson and the rest of the faculty and staff to ensure that SP2 continues its upward momentum.”

Business Services announces the appointment of Brian Manthe as Director of Business Services (BSD) with responsibility for Parking, Transit, Ice Rink and Mail Services. His responsibilities encompass short- and long-term planning in addition to developing and implementing departmental policies, procedures and guidelines. Additionally, he will participate in University-wide initiatives, committees and teams such as the Climate Action Plan, while serving as the primary liaison with regional industry leaders in transit; parking; local, city, and state planning; and corporate partners.

Mr. Manthe joined BSD as the Associate Director, Parking and Ice Rink in October 2011 (Almanac November 8, 2011). Prior to joining BSD, he worked as the Business Manager, Mental Health Services Division at the Veterans Medical Center and served as the Community Officer and Director of Naval Science departments at the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University. He retired from the United States Marine Corp after 30 years of active service, achieving the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Manthe earned a BA in economics from the University of Virginia, received an MS in administration from Central Michigan University and an MA in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.
Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Allen
Anita Allen, the Vice Provost for Faculty at Penn and the Law School’s Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, received the Electronic Privacy Information Center’s (EPIC) Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Allen, described by EPIC as “the nation’s leading privacy scholar,” has written and lectured widely on privacy law and ethics.

EPIC is an independent non-profit research center based in Washington, DC focusing on privacy, freedom of expression, democratic values, and pursuing a wide range of program activities including public education, litigation and advocacy concerning the future of the Internet, according to the group’s website.

Woman in Medicine Award: Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos
Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, professor emerita of pediatrics and physiology in the Perelman School of Medicine, is the recipient of the Woman in Medicine Award from the Trust Fund of the Alumni/i Association of WMC/ MCP. The award is given annually to a female physician, scientist or staff member, preferably at the Drexel University College of Medicine, to recognize her leadership, teaching of students, care of patients and status as a role model for women in medicine.

Zoo Board: Dr. Hendricks
Joan C. Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, was re-elected to the Philadelphia Zoo’s Board as a vice chair. The Philadelphia Zoo has focused on educating the public about exotic animals, promoting and participating in worldwide conservation efforts for endangered wildlife and providing exceptional recreational opportunities for families.

Sphinx Senior Society Awards
At its annual Spring Banquet, the Sphinx Senior Society inducted Dr. Eduardo D. Glandt, Nemirovsky Family Dean of Penn’s School of Engineering & Applied Science, as its 2014 Honorary Sphinx member.

The oldest Penn student leadership society founded in 1900 also bid farewell to the Sphinx Class of 2014, welcomed the new Sphinx Class of 2015 and awarded the 2014 Paul Miller Leadership Award to Dau Jok, C’14. The Sphinx Senior Society Board of Governors established the Paul Miller Leadership Award to honor the memory of the late Paul Miller, C’83, a former scribe of the Sphinx Senior Society, Commissioner on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1994-2004 and Penn trustee (Almanac November 2, 2010). Mr. Jok received the Paul Miller Leadership Award for his outstanding campus and public service leadership as two-time captain of the Men’s Basketball team and founder of the Dau Jok Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization fighting poverty and violence in post-conflict South Sudan through access to sports and academics.

Nursing Dean’s Medal:
Co-founders of Jonas Center Barbara and Donald Jonas, co-founders of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, are the recipients of the Dean’s Medal for Distinguished Service in the School of Nursing. Presented last spring, the medal is one of the School’s highest external awards. It is presented at the dean’s discretion to individuals or organizations that have had a profound influence on Penn Nursing, the profession of nursing or the field of health through philanthropy, volunteerism, scholarship or advocacy.

The Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare was honored for its support of nursing scholars, particularly those in the doctoral programs. It is a leading national philanthropic funder dedicated to improving healthcare by advancing nursing scholarship, leadership and innovation. The Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholars Program provides scholarships to support nurses pursuing PhDs and DNPs. Building on this model, in 2012, the Jonas Veterans Healthcare Program was created to address veterans’ pressing, often life-altering health issues by expanding the field of qualified caregivers through scholarships to doctoral nursing candidates. Today, these programs comprise nearly 600 Jonas Scholars at 110 schools, including 12 scholars at Penn Nursing.

Pew Center Grant: Penn IUR
The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage (the Center), has awarded a $72,000 grant to the Pennsylvania Institute for Urban Research (Penn IUR) and curators Ken Lum, A. Will Brown and Paul M. Farber for a project titled “Monument Lab: Creative Speculations for Philadelphia.” The project will explore the questions: What is the ideal monument for the current City of Philadelphia and what does a 21st century urban monument look like?

The centerpiece of the project will be a temporary monument designed by the late, PennDesign professor Terry Adkins (Almanac February 18, 2014), to be installed in City Hall’s central courtyard. Professor Adkins’ monument addresses the traumatic wave of Philadelphia school closings that occurred in 2013. This project will precede a planned Philadelphia monument festival, to take place in 2016 or 2017.

The project will be co-curated by Ken Lum, professor of fine arts and director of fine arts undergraduate program in PennDesign; A. Will Brown, curatorial assistant of contemporary art at the RISD Museum in Providence, RI; and Paul M. Farber, postdoctoral writing fellow at Haverford College and scholar of American and urban studies.

Guest Scholar: Professor Matero
Frank Matero, professor of architecture in PennDesign’s department of historic preservation, was named a guest scholar in the Conservation Guest Scholar Program at the Getty Conservation Institute. The program supports new ideas and perspectives in the field of conservation, with an emphasis on the visual arts (including sites, buildings, objects) and the theoretical underpinnings of the field.

The program also provides an opportunity for scholarly research in an interdisciplinary manner across traditional boundaries in areas of interest to the international conservation community. Professor Matero will complete his research on the conservation of the architectural facade and the publication of a critical reader on the subject.

SEAS Staff Award: Ms. Revell
Tonya Revell, manager in Computing and Educational Technologies Services, received the 2014 SEAS Staff Recognition Award, the highest award for staff members in Penn Engineering. The award was presented in the summer by Eduardo Glandt, Nemirovsky Family Dean.

Ms. Revell has been a member of the Penn community for over 30 years. There were numerous letters and notes of praise received on her behalf and in all there were recurring remarks about her calm professionalism, dedication and her ability to deliver results.

Distinguished Career:
Professor Rykwert
Joseph Rykwert, Paul Philippe Cret Professor Emeritus of Architecture in PennDesign and professor of art history in SAS, was named a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth—a centuries-old honor recognizing people of outstanding merit. He was honored for his services to architecture.

Professor Rykwert was also named winner of the Jean Tschumi Prize for Architectural Criticism and Education from the International Union of Architects (UIA). UIA described Professor Rykwert as “one of the most influential theoreticians of his generation. For more than 60 years, his erudition and his innovative scholarship have radically changed the relationship that architects have with the past, their conception of space and their perceptions of buildings and cities.”

Pew Fellow: Mr. Wahl
Brent Wahl, senior lecturer of photography and fine arts in PennDesign, has been named a 2014 Pew Fellow by the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage, which comes with a $60,000 award. Mr. Wahl uses photography as a tool for documentation as well as abstraction, building images that play with concepts of space, dimensionality and illusion to push the boundaries of what a photograph can be.

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Honorary Degrees for Psychology & Biology Professors

Professor of biology Dorothy Cheney and professor of psychology Robert Seyfarth received honorary doctorates from the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland, while professor emeritus of psychology Jacob Nachmias received an honorary doctorate from the SUNY College of Optometry.

Working together, Drs. Cheney and Seyfarth have contributed to the understanding of communication and social behavior in non-human primates. To do so, they have employed especially careful long-term observational field studies, most recently with free-ranging baboons in the Okavango Delta, Botswana.

Dr. Nachmias’s honorary degree from SUNY honored him as “a leader in developing the modern understanding of spatial vision” over his long career. His research includes sensation and perception.

Penn Medicine Hospitals Top Rankings Locally and Nationally

Penn Medicine hospitals have been ranked among the top ten hospitals in the nation, and once again named #1 in the Philadelphia area by US News & World Report. With the newly combined results for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Penn Medicine is ranked as the 7th best hospital in the United States in the 2014-2015 annual “Best Hospitals” survey by US News.

Out of nearly 5,000 hospitals analyzed nationwide, Penn Medicine is among only 17 institutions named to the publication’s Honor Roll, a distinction that “signals both rare breadth and rare depth of medical excellence,” according to the magazine editors.

Penn Medicine hospitals are the only ones in the Philadelphia region to make the 2014-2015 Honor Roll.

In addition to Penn Medicine hospitals being ranked #1 in the Philadelphia area, Pennsylvania Hospital was ranked #6 and Chester County Hospital, the University of Pennsylvania Health System’s newest member hospital, was ranked #17 in the region.

Penn Medicine’s rankings in 10 different specialties also rose, with eight areas named to the top 10 programs in the nation, including gastroenterology, ear, nose & throat (ENT), geriatrics, gynecology, cardiology and heart surgery, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology.

AAA Four-Diamond: Inn at Penn

For the 14th consecutive year, the Inn at Penn has received the AAA Four-Diamond rating. Only five percent of the more than 29,000 hotels approved by AAA make the Four Diamond list.

To be awarded AAA Four Diamond, 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 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 Inn at Penn’s dedication to all areas of hotel and travel services.

Seltzer Family Digital Media Awards

Thanks to the generosity of alumnus Jeff Seltzer, W’78, and his wife Annie, the University of Pennsylvania Libraries is proud to announce the six winners of the 2014 Seltzer Family Digital Media Awards: Leah Davidson, Kerry Huang, Rafiat Kasumu, Nilesch Kavithaker, Jose Romero and Andrea Rosario.

The annual Seltzer Awards recognize and support creative use of new media technologies by Penn undergraduate students for academic research projects. Each student will have exclusive use of $1,000 of technology for one year to cover equipment such as video cameras, still cameras and audio recorders.

This is the seventh year that the Seltzer Family Digital Media Awards have supported specific student projects. The awards are managed by the Penn Libraries in collaboration with the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF). Below are details about the five funded projects.

Leah Davidson, W’16, will explore social entrepreneurship in Peru and India under the guidance of Ian MacMillan, the Dhirubhai Ambani Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the director of the Sol N. Snider Entrepreneurial Research Center in the Wharton School. In Huancayo, Peru, she will collaborate with Blue Sparrow, a non-governmental organization that provides low-interest loans and free consulting services to entrepreneurs. In Chennai, Bangalore and Delhi, she will explore various models of making finance accessible to rural populations. She plans to use a digital SLR camera to document the similarities and differences between the small business landscapes in these two countries.

Under the direction of Saikat Chaudhuri, adjunct associate professor of management and executive director of the Mack Institute for Innovation Management in the Wharton School, Kerry Huang, W’16, and Nilesch Kavithaker, W’16, E’16, will document the lives of Penn graduates involved in startups. The students will visit office headquarters of several start-ups to conduct audio and video interviews for a blog that will reveal insights into the graduates’ experiences with entrepreneurship.

Rafiat Kasumu, C’15, will create a photo-documentary and short film focused on the internal development of 21 undergraduates throughout the community-based impact service learning program called Penn’s International Development Summer Institute (IDS1), under the guidance of Marton Markovits, a former post-doctoral researcher at the Lauder Institute and a lecturer in the department of political science and the Center for African Studies. While traveling throughout Ghana, she will hold a series of interviews with program participants to gauge their perspective of what “international development” means, what they believe their role is in it and how the IDS1 program has shaped their idea of it.

With supervision from John Jackson, Jr., dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice, Jose Romero, C’15, will capture GPS tagged oral histories and footage of Latin@ farm workers working in Eastern Washington State for his thesis research. He will interweave this material with relevant indigenous and diaspora scholarship to unsettle the presumed legibility of place in mass standardized maps and will offer multimedia and embodied alternatives to food forms that essentialize a particular food or diet.

Working under the direction of Julie Fairman, Nightingale Professor of Nursing and director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, Andre Rosario, N’16, will conduct oral history interviews with Filipino nurses who immigrated to the US and also advanced their education to become nurse practitioners. He will capture audio recordings to contribute to his senior research inquiry.

Nominating Models of Excellence for 2015: November 3

You recognize excellence when you see it. Showing appreciation for a job well done encourages others to keep going. It just feels right. When people do good work, you let them know. When people perform far beyond expectations, let everyone know. Nominate your outstanding coworkers for the Penn’s Models of Excellence award program. Nominations for 2015 will be accepted until November 3, 2014.

Since 1999, Models of Excellence has recognized notable full- and part-time staff member accomplishments in schools and centers across the University. Each year, the rotating Models of Excellence Selection Committee chooses staff members to receive the following honors:

- The Models of Excellence Award recognizing staff member accomplishments that reflect initiative, leadership, increased efficiency and a deep commitment to service.
- The Model Supervisor Award honoring supervisors who contribute to Penn’s success.
- The Pillars of Excellence Award recognizing the important support that weekly-paid staff members provide to promote Penn’s success.

All staff and faculty are welcome to submit nominations. Both individuals and teams can be nominated.

All nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation for their service. Nominees chosen as Models of Excellence, Pillars of Excellence and Model Supervisor recognition will each receive $500 and a symbolic award. Nominees who selected for honorable mention will receive $250 and a symbolic award. These awards will be presented at the Models of Excellence ceremony on March 24, 2015 in Irvine Auditorium.

For detailed nomination instructions, visit the Models of Excellence Program website at www.hr.upenn.edu/models or contact Human Resources at models@hr.upenn.edu or (215) 898-1012.

—Division of Human Resources
Two New Exhibits and a Conference on Children’s Books at Van Pelt-Dietrich Library

As the Ink Flows: Work from the Pen of William Steig is on display through December 19 in the Goldstein Family Gallery, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts on the sixth floor of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center.

As the Ink Flows: Works from the Pen of William Steig, explores the life and career of the artist, cartoonist and children’s book author/illustrator William Steig. The exhibition highlights materials from the recent gift of over 3,000 original drawings, notebooks and scrapbooks, correspondence, books, posters and other materials made by Jeanne Steig, his widow, to the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, supplemented with loans from his family.

Pen and ink played a central role in William Steig’s life, from childhood on. Interestingly, for someone who would become an important artist and gifted cartoonist for The New Yorker magazine, it was not, not drawing that was his first creative outlet. The exhibition explores this world of pen and ink, of writing and drawing, to show how intertwined these activities were for William Steig, who became an author as well as an artist. Unlike many artists, who are not great readers, he consumed books, and the ideas they contained. The more one considers the range of his work, the more one can see that his artistry is ultimately informed by language, that is, by ideas that can be thought and written, and then translated into images.

The exhibition will examine the trajectory of his career, from his family background and youth through his cartoons and covers for The New Yorker and other publications, to his books of symbolic drawings and his later work, culminating in his children’s books.

The School of Atha: Collaboration in the Making of Children’s Books is on display through March 27, 2015 in the Kamin Gallery, on the first floor of the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center.

The School of Atha: Collaboration in the Making of Children’s Books, celebrates the life and work of children’s book designer and art director Atha Tehon. The exhibition is based on the collection of her books and papers, including files on books she designed as a freelance book designer, recently given to the University of Pennsylvania Libraries by her niece Susan Tehon, supplemented with loans from her family.

After receiving her masters in fine arts from the University of Pennsylvania/Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Ms. Tehon began working in book publishing, first at Random House and then as a book designer, art director and associate publisher at Dial Books for Younger Readers, where she worked closely with many of the major artists and authors in the field, including Leo and Diane Dillon, Tom Feelings, Susan Jeffers, Steven Kellogg, Julius Lester, James Marshall, Jerry Pinkney and Rosemary Wells. Two of the books she designed, Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears and Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions, both illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon, won the Caldecott Medal in 1976 and 1977. At the same time, she continued to do freelance design work for Farrar, Straus & Giroux, working with the children’s book editor Michael di Capua on books by Nancy Ekholm Burkert, Richard Egielski, Randall Jarrell, Maurice Sendak, William Steig and Harve and Margot Zemach, among others.

The exhibition will explore her role not only in the creation of so many important children’s books but also in mentoring a new generation of editors and designers in the collaborative process of creating children’s books.

The symposium, Creating Children’s Books: Collaboration and Change, will take place in conjunction with two fall exhibitions in the University of Pennsylvania Libraries on Friday, October 17—Saturday, October 18. The first of these exhibitions, As the Ink Flows: Work from the Pen of William Steig, explores the life and career of the artist, cartoonist and children’s book author/illustrator William Steig, while the second, The School of Atha: Collaboration in the Making of Children’s Books, celebrates the life and work of Atha Tehon, children’s book designer and long-standing art director for Dial Books for Young Readers.

The symposium is sponsored by the Muriel Pfeilzer Bodek Fund for Library Public Events of the University of Pennsylvania Libraries with additional funding from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation.

Creating Children’s Books: Collaboration and Change honors the contributions of these two important figures to the world of children’s literature during late-twentieth and early-twenty-first centuries. It will explore the creation of children’s books from both the writer/illustrator and designer/publisher perspectives, looking at the role of collaboration in the process and considering the future of children’s books from various perspectives, including that of diversity. Atha Tehon worked closely with the renowned editor and publisher Phyllis Fogelman, both of whom championed the work of African-American and Native American authors and illustrators, among others. For registration and booking information visit: www.library.upenn.edu/exhibits/childrensbooks_symposium.html

As the Ink Flows: Works from the Pen of William Steig, undated.

One Step Ahead Security & Privacy Made Simple

Welcome Back! Information Security “Check Up”

Each year, Penn’s Provost office sponsors a series of events around a theme chosen by faculty, staff and students. This academic year is the Year of Health. In that spirit, we propose three security and privacy tips to keep you—and your data—fit as a fiddle:

1. Visit Your (IT) Healthcare Professional

Your Local Support Provider (LSP) can help you protect your systems and data from compromise or loss. They can also work with you to determine the appropriate protections based on the type of data you work with. Make them your first stop on the road to wellness!

See www.upenn.edu/computing/view/support/ for assistance finding your LSP.

2. Practice “Good Hygiene” Passwords: Make sure they are strong and unique between important accounts (for example, is your PennKey different from your banking password?)

Patching: Set all your devices to “auto-update” both the operating system and applications.

Firewall and Anti-Virus: Make sure your system firewall is enabled at all times and install the anti-virus software that Penn provides (for free!):

https://secure.upenn.edu/computing/resources/content/connect-penn

3. Get inoculated from the risk of loss or theft

Make sure you have up-to-date backups of your data, and that mobile devices (like laptops, tablets and phones) are encrypted whenever possible. Your LSP can help.

For more details and additional tips contact security@isc.upenn.edu or check out our Top 10 suggestions at www.upenn.edu/computing/security/checklists/Top10/

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Opportunity

The Inn at Penn; register: Macrows at AT PENN Deadlines
17 12 18
His Excellency Omar Saif Ghosh, poet; David Grubbs, musician/composer; 6:30 p.m.; Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium (ICA).

MUSIC

10 WOODSLIPPERCOUNTERCLATTER; a tapestry of resonant sounds crafted from voice, piano and manipulated field recordings; Susan Howe, poet; David Grubbs, musician/composer; 6:30 p.m.; Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium (ICA).

SPECIAL EVENTS

17 African-American Resource Center & Women of Color at Penn WOCAP Networking Lunch Series; meet the 2015 WOCAP Chair; noon; Golkin Room, Houston Hall (African-American Resource Center).

18 Scarecrow Design Contest; create a scarecrow for the theme: Heroes and Villains; sign up by September 18; entry fee: $30; $5 discount if registered by September 12; register: www.bit.ly/MAcrows (Morris Arboretum).

TALKS

12 The Future of Latin America: Post-Neoliberal Latin America; Carlos Mesa, former Bolivian president; challenges and opportunities for regional development; 4:30 p.m.; Woodlands Ballroom, The Main Penn Center; register: www.sas.upenn.edu/events-workshops (Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism).

17 Islam and Democracy: A Vision to Lead Us from Violence; His Excellency Omar Saif Ghosh, Ambassador from the United Arab Emirates to Russia; 4:30 p.m.; 8th floor, Jon M. Huntsman Hall; RSVP: seicenteradmin@wharton.upenn.edu (SEI Center).

HURRAH FOR PENN FAMILY DAY
Saturday, October 18 is Penn Family Day 2014—eight hours of fun in and around Franklin Field. Now in its 22nd year, Family Day is one of many ways Penn says “hurrah” for its great faculty, staff and postdoctoral scholars. Join fellow Penn people for food, games, science and cultural activities and all around entertainment!

Order your tickets online now at https://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/apppreciation/familyday or pick them up at the Penn Athletic Ticket Office in Weightman Hall, located at 235 S. 33rd Street. Faculty, staff and postdocs can order up to four tickets per person for the Tailgate Party and football game in historic Franklin Field, so you can treat your family and friends—and yourself. Tickets are required for the Tailgate Party and football game. Additional tickets can be purchased for $8. Tickets are only available until October 14, so don’t miss out.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.—Enjoy lunch, face-painting and carnival games at the Tailgate Party.

1 p.m.—Root for the Quakers as they tame the Columbia University Lions both on the football field and in a women’s field hockey match at Ellen Vagelos Field.

1-4 p.m.—Celebrate International Archeology Day at the Penn Museum with crafts for kids, gallery talks for grown-ups and fascinating exhibits for everyone.

5:30-7 p.m.—Chill out with half-priced admission at the Penn Ice Rink.

Free Family Day Parking— available with your PennCard at the Walnut 38 and Chestnut 34 lots. Visit https://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/appreciation/familyday for a detailed schedule of activities. If you have any questions, contact Human Resources at QOWL@hr.upenn.edu or (215) 898-1012.

Portable 3-Year Academic Calendar
Did you know that Penn’s new 3-year academic calendar is available on Almanac’s website, Penn’s mobile website and as a printable PDF? You can also get the calendar to sync with MS Outlook, Apple iCal, Google calendar and your mobile devices by visiting www.upenn.edu/almanac/acadcal.html and following the instructions from the link at the top of the page.

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 August 25-31, 2014. Also reported were 25 Crimes Against Property (10 thefts, 3 fraud offenses, 2 other offenses, 1 drunkenness offense and 1 weapons offense) were reported. Full reports are available at www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v61/n04/creport.html. Prior weeks’ reports are also online. —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of August 25-31, 2014. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunct 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) 898-4482.

18th District Report

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 4 incidents with no arrests (1 aggravated assault, 1 assault, 1 indecent assault and 1 robbery) were reported between August 25-31, 2014 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market St to Woodland Avenue.

08/27/14 2:39 AM 422 S 42nd St
Complainant robbed by unknown males
08/27/14 5:16 PM 3900 Market St
Male cited for causing disturbance
08/27/14 8:33 PM 3001 Walnut St
Complainant struck in the head
08/28/14 12:22 PM 4000 Market St
Male causing disturbance/Arrest
08/29/14 8:13 PM 3800 Walnut St
Complainant touched by unknown male
08/29/14 9:07 PM 3900 Market St
Males lighting on highway/2 Arrests

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08/27/14 2:41 AM 422 S 42nd St
Robbery
08/27/14 9:18 PM 3001 Walnut St
Aggravated Assault
08/29/14 10:20 PM 3800 Walnut St
Indecent Assault
08/31/14 3:22 PM 3401 Civic Center Blvd
Assault

Annual Housing Fair: September 17

Faculty and staff of the University of the Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) and its affiliates are invited to the 2014 Housing Fair on Wednesday, September 17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Hall of Flags at Houston Hall. Hosted by Penn Home Ownership Services (PHOS), the fair is a one-stop resource where representatives from PHOS, its lending partners and Philadelphia Home Buy Now will be on premises to address any questions you have about obtaining a forgivable loan or accessing the Closing Cost Reduction Program. PHOS is pleased to welcome its newest loan provider, Guaranteed Rate, Inc., to this event.

These resources and programs are available to full-time employees of the University of Pennsylvania and UPHS and admission to the event is free. Please visit the 2014 Housing Fair website at www.upenn.edu/homeownership or call (215) 898-7422 for more information.

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The Arthur Ross Gallery at the University of Pennsylvania presents Shared Vision: The Myron A. and Anne Jaffe Portenar Collection; the exhibition includes 63 works drawn from the Portenars’ extraordinary gift of over 800 prints, paintings, sculptures, photographs and works on paper donated to the University in March of 2013.

Dr. and Mrs. Portenar selectively built their collection over 40 years, filling the walls of their homes in New York and New Jersey. A 1949 Penn alumna of Penn’s College for Women, Anne Portenar’s passion and vision focused on 20th century masters, including Joan Miro, Robert Motherwell, Jacob Lawrence, Stuart Davis, Robert Rauschenberg and Susan Rothenberg. Mexican modernism is represented in prints by Rufino Tamayo, Francisco Mora and Jose Clemente Orozco. Photographs in the show are a virtual “Who’s Who” including Alfred Steiglitz, Edward Curtis, Edward Steichen, Minor White, Berenice Abbott, Margaret Bourke-White, Edward Weston and Walker Evans. Paintings and sculptures by Jennifer Bartlett, Tobi Kahn and Louise Nevelson complement the works on paper. Seen by the public for the first time, Shared Vision celebrates the couple’s lifelong passion for art. At Penn the Portenar collection will continue to give—as it is used for teaching, research and new scholarship by faculty, students, artists and curators.

Shared Vision: The Myron A. and Anne Jaffe Portenar Collection will be on view through October 12, 2014, Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: noon-5 p.m.

This is the fourth in a series of exhibitions highlighting the University of Pennsylvania Art Collection and is sponsored jointly by the Office of the Curator and the Arthur Ross Gallery. The exhibition is co-curated by Lynn Marsden-Atlass (University Curator and Director of the Arthur Ross Gallery) and Heather Moqtaderi (University Art Collections Manager).

Additional support for the exhibition is provided by the Arthur Ross Exhibition Fund, Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mr. George Gillespie, the Patron’s Circle of the Arthur Ross Gallery, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

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