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Penn Medicine's Pavilion for Advanced Care, Integrating Critical Care Specialties and Expanding Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Campus

Penn Medicine's new \$144 million facility, the Pavilion for Advanced Care (PAC) at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC), opened the doors in January to its first patients. Clinical teams from critical care specialties, surgical services, trauma/emergency services and radiology have come together in the new six-story, 178,000-square-foot facility (*Almanac* November 20, 2012). The space, which encompasses both new and renovated areas in existing buildings at PPMC, unites more than 20 medical and surgical specialists. The building combines new features aimed at improving patient and family comfort, with modern technologies to continue providing the best in critical care. In addition to the nearly 40 inpatient critical care beds in the new facility's upper floors, Penn Medicine's Level I Regional Resource Trauma Center will relocate from its current home at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) to a state-of-the-art facility at the PAC that also expands PPMC's emergency department.

Features of the new PAC will include:

- Three state-of-the-art critical care units—including a designated heart and vascular critical care unit and PPMC's first neurosurgical and neurocritical care inpatient units—increasing bed capacity by as many as 36 beds.
- A 16-bed increase in capacity in the new emergency department, in addition to a new five-bay Rapid Assessment Treatment area designed to quickly and more accurately triage emergency patients.
- 24/7 eye injury treatment in the emergency department.
- A new concourse that provides a consolidated Pre-Admissions Testing and Medical Imaging services, including the most advanced CT and MRI technologies.

ogy, digital X-rays, ultrasound and fluoroscopy.

- A new surgical suite that provides a bridge to the second floor of PPMC and includes a new 30-bed "Short Procedure Unit" for outpatient surgeries such as hernia repairs, gallbladder removals or eye and ear procedures.
- A new inpatient therapy gym.
- An outdoor space which serves as both a healing garden and a common outdoor space for eating and gathering.

"Over the last decade, Penn Medicine has made numerous investments in people, facilities and patient care that have strengthened our commitment to our patients, staff and our multiple missions of clinical care, research and teaching," said Ralph Muller, CEO of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. "With this latest endeavor, Penn Medicine has the resources in place to effectively elevate our care processes and provide better value to both our patients and payers."

Planning for the Pavilion for Advanced Care has involved work by hundreds of staff and leaders spanning 37 unique departments and divisions across Penn Medicine during the three-year planning process for the new facility.

"This has been a momentous year for Penn Presbyterian," said Michele Volpe, executive director of PPMC. "Beginning with the opening of Penn Medicine University City in August 2013—which now houses many of Presbyterian's outpatient services—and as we approach the final stages of the transition to the PAC, Presbyterian is now poised to deliver the most advanced medical care to some of our most vulnerable and critically ill patients."

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Penn Medicine's new Pavilion for Advanced Care (PAC) at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center

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\$7 Million Gift to Create a Lab for Penn's Digital Humanities



Vikki and Michael Price

A \$7 million gift from Penn Arts & Sciences Overseer Michael J. Price, W'79, and his wife, Vikki, will establish the Price Lab for the Digital Humanities. The centerpiece of the new Penn Arts & Sciences strategic initiative Humanities in the Digital Age (*Almanac Supplement* January 20, 2015), the Price Lab will provide the technological hardware and technical support staff necessary for a robust program that reaches across the University.

"We are extraordinarily grateful to Vikki and Michael Price, who share our vision for the transformative effect the digital humanities will have on Penn and higher education," said Penn President Amy Gutmann. "The Price Lab for the Digital Humanities will provide the infrastructure needed to disseminate information and to address questions about history, art and culture in radically new ways. Through the digital world, we will significantly increase our academic reach and educational access for those in the Penn community and around the globe."

"This is a huge moment of change and opportunity in the humanities," said Penn Arts & Sciences Dean Steven Fluharty. "With the digital humanities, we will not only produce new knowledge but new ways of knowing and new forms to show the outcomes and results. The Price Lab

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Rangita de Silva de Alwis: Penn Law's Associate Dean-International Affairs

The University of Pennsylvania Law School has appointed Rangita de Silva de Alwis, an expert on global human rights, public leadership and women's rights, to the position of associate dean for international affairs.

In 2012, Dr. de Silva de Alwis was appointed the inaugural director of the Women in Public Service Project (WPS) and the Global Women's Leadership Initiative (GWLI) at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Over the past 25 years she has worked with academic institutions, governments and non-governmental organizations throughout the world on human rights law, gender equality, policy making and institutional reform.

"Penn Law is deeply invested in the global reach of the law, and Dr. de Silva de Alwis is a respected authority on issues of human rights and gender," said Wendell Pritchett, interim dean of the Law School and Presidential Professor. "Her knowledge and expertise will allow Penn Law's students and faculty to continue—and expand—their critical engagement with the global legal system."

The Women in Public Service Project, launched by Secretary Clinton at the US Department of State with the five leading women's colleges, convenes a series of global conversations, along with educating a new generation of women in public service. Dr. de Silva de Alwis expanded the global reach of the WPS and built transnational networks of academic institutions, government and non-governmental organizations.

"I am delighted that Rangita will be leading our international programs," said William Burke-White, deputy dean for international affairs at Penn Law and Richard Perry Professor and Inaugural Director of the Perry World House. "She will bring to Penn Law a wealth of experience in international human rights and an extraordinary depth of knowledge of different countries and legal cultures. By hiring Ran-



Rangita de Silva de Alwis

gita we have ensured Penn Law's continued development into a global leader in international and comparative law."

"I am very excited to work with the students, faculty and staff at Penn Law," said Dr. de Silva de Alwis. "Through its close relationships with international law schools and its innovative global initiatives, Penn Law has already made a significant impact in the study of international and comparative law. I look forward to strengthening the Law School's existing ties with the international community, as well as developing new ones."

At Wellesley College, she convened the Women's Leadership Network in Muslim Communities, the Asia Cause Lawyer Network in India and the Gender and Law Expert Group and Women's Watch in China. For over 14 years, she worked with Chinese experts on law and gender, and she testified twice on the status of women's rights in China before the Congressional Executive Commission on China.

She has also advised UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA and UNDP on state accountability under human rights treaties and the intersections of treaties and treaty bodies.

Dr. de Silva de Alwis received a doctorate in law (SJD) from Harvard Law School, where she was also a teaching fellow with the European Research Institute and a Research Fellow with the Women and Public Policy Program at the Kennedy School of Government and a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program.

Her scholarship has appeared in the *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*, the *University of Pennsylvania East Asia Law Review*, the *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy*, the *UCLA Pacific Basin Law Journal* and the *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs*, *Texas Journal of Women and the Law* and UN and World Bank Publications.

Penn Law's international programs connect students and faculty with legal and other institutions around the world to develop cutting-edge scholarship on complex issues while preparing students for global practice. Through programs like the Global Research Seminar and the Global Forum on Comparative and International Law, Penn Law students gain the skills and knowledge necessary to address real-world problems in international, foreign and comparative law.

Randall Mason: New Leadership for PennPraxis



Randall Mason

projects for external clients under the direction of PennDesign faculty.

Marilyn Jordan Taylor, dean and Paley Professor at the School of Design, announced Professor Mason's appointment which was unanimously approved by the PennPraxis Board of Directors, including Steve Golding, University of Pennsylvania treasurer, Nancy Goldenberg, alumna and chief of staff at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Anu Mathur, professor of

Randall Mason, associate professor and chair of PennDesign's Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, has been named executive director of PennPraxis.

The mission of PennPraxis is to extend design excellence and innovation beyond the classroom and into the community by carrying out practical or applied

landscape architecture, Peter Piven, alumnus and principal consultant at Peter Piven Management Consultants as well as Dean Taylor. Professor Mason succeeds former executive director Harris Steinberg, who founded the program in 2002.

"Randy's teaching, research and leadership in our school and university will enable him to work with me, other members of the Board and the PennDesign community to chart an ambitious future agenda for PennPraxis," Dean Taylor said. "Randy's skills in building alliances with government and non-profits and serving as a leader in efforts to transform cities in transition demonstrate his great ability to engage stakeholders in meaningful conversations about the future face of cities around the globe."

Previously, Professor Mason worked as senior project specialist at the Getty Conservation Institute, researching economic and social issues relating to heritage conservation and contributing to several Getty publications. His professional experience includes several years of consulting practice. Professor Mason will continue in his role as chair of historic preservation and will be supported at PennPraxis by a full-time managing director.

From the Office of the University Secretary

Agenda for University Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4 p.m.
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

- I. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2015. 1 minute
- II. Follow up questions on Status Reports. 5 minutes
- III. Findings of the Task Force on Student Psychological Health and Welfare. 45 minutes
- IV. Open Forum. 70 minutes
- V. New Business. 5 Minutes
- VI. Adjournment.

Penn Trustees Winter Meetings

On February 26-27, the following trustee committee meetings will be held at the Inn at Penn.

Thursday, February 26

8:30-10 a.m.

- Local, National & Global Engagement Committee
Woodlands AB

10:15-11:45 a.m.

- Facilities & Campus Planning Committee
Woodlands AB

2-3:45 p.m.

- Student Life Committee
Woodlands CD

4:5-5:30 p.m.

- Academic Policy Committee
Woodlands CD
- Budget & Finance Committee
Woodlands AB

Friday, February 27

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Stated Meeting of the Trustees
Woodlands ABCD

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Transitioning the Level I Regional Resource Trauma Center

Penn Medicine's Trauma Program treats more than 2,200 patients with life-threatening injuries per year. These injuries include those resulting from severe falls, motor vehicle and motorcycle collisions, injuries associated with violent crime, including gunshot wounds and stabbings. The new trauma center includes upgrades to the overall design and efficiency of caring for these critically injured patients, including:

- A new oversized helipad on the roof of the PAC, equipped with self-cleaning and snow-melting technology and to an elevator that takes the PennSTAR flight team from the helipad to the OR or trauma resuscitation unit in seconds.

• The John Paul Pryor, MD, FACS, Shock Trauma and Resuscitation (STAR) Unit: a state-of-the-art, five-bay trauma resuscitation area and the largest known design dedicated to trauma resuscitation, which facilitates immediate access to "Corridor of Life" critical care treatment areas, including ceiling-mounted CT and MRI imaging and X-rays.

• Designated operating rooms, elevators and pathways for trauma patients and providers, allowing the quickest care when every minute counts toward the chances of survival.

The emergency department at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) will continue to be a full-service ED, equipped and staffed to handle more than 60,000 visits each year. HUP will also remain Penn Medicine's home for specialty emergency services such as the most advanced cardiac resuscitation techniques, hyperbaric medicine for carbon monoxide poisoning and medical toxicology expertise for poisoning and adverse effects of drugs.

Deaths

Gerry Hurst, Jr., Wharton

Ernest Gerald (Gerry) Hurst, Jr., emeritus professor of operations & information management at Wharton, passed away suddenly in Quito, Ecuador on January 15, at the age of 76.

Originally from Hillsboro, Illinois, Dr. Hurst earned his BS, MS and PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and held a two-year faculty appointment at the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management in Brussels.

Before coming to Wharton, Dr. Hurst started a management science group in the Power Transmission Division of the General Electric Company.

He came to Wharton in 1969 where he was one of the founders of the decision sciences department, now operations & information management, and became the first chairman of that department in 1975. Dr. Hurst had many roles at Wharton, including the director of the Executive MBA Program and the first assistant dean for International Affairs. His research and teaching interests spanned the department's mission and included the translation of newly-developed techniques into tools useable on real management problems. During his career, he published numerous research papers focusing on information systems' support for management decision-making.

After becoming emeritus in 1996, Dr. Hurst co-founded GHR Systems, Inc., a leading third-party provider of software and information services in the mortgage and consumer banking industry, where he served as president, CFO, vice chairman and director. He also served on the boards of a number of startup technology companies.

He is survived by his wife, Siri Hurst; brother, John T.; sisters, Susan Kershaw and Sara Hurst-Dodd; sons, John W. and David T.; stepson, Aram Yardumian; and grandsons, Trey Wilder Hurst and Alexander Hurst.

Donations may be made to the Bryn Athyn College Business Program, P.O. Box 708, Bryn Athyn, PA 19001, www.brynathyn.edu/give



Gerry Hurst

Karen Murphy, CCEB

Karen Murphy, former Penn administrator, died January 8 at age 61 after a long battle with frontotemporal degeneration, a form of dementia.

Ms. Murphy was born at the White-man Air Force Base in Missouri. The oldest of six children, she grew up throughout the US and Japan. In 1971, she graduated from Riverview High School in Sarasota, FL.

Ms. Murphy's early career was in decorative hardware and interior design. She worked for West End Hardware before taking a job at the Marketplace Design Center in Philadelphia.

In the mid-1990s, Ms. Murphy was hired by the University of Pennsylvania, where she worked in administrative positions in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics. She studied liberal arts at Penn and was an active member of the Penn & Pencil Club. She retired in 2012.

In 2011, Ms. Murphy donated a kidney to her son-in-law, James Rowan. "It was one of the proudest, most gratifying moments of her life," said daughter Theressa Creighton. Ms. Murphy's final act was the donation of her brain and spinal cord to Penn's Frontotemporal Degeneration Center in the hope of finding a cure or treatment.

Ms. Murphy is survived by her partner, Paul; a daughter, Theressa Creighton; a grandson; two brothers; two sisters; and nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the Penn Frontotemporal Degeneration Center via <http://ffd.med.upenn.edu/gifts> or to the National Kidney Foundation via www.kidney.org/support

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former faculty and staff members, students and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu

However, notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Room 517, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu

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\$7 Million Gift to Create a Lab for the Digital Humanities at Penn

will make us a leader in this revolution."

"Digital humanities" is an umbrella term for the proliferation of digital and computational technologies that are being applied to scholarship across higher education and transforming the way humanists work. The digital humanities encompass tools ranging from computers that read massive amounts of digitized writing to facilitate the analysis of texts and detect previously invisible patterns to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) that present complex histories in the form of interactive maps and 3-D modeling technologies which can produce immersive recreations of archaeological sites and artifacts.

Mr. Price said, "I was really attracted to the strategic initiative in the digital humanities because the digitization of rare manuscripts, art and artifacts leads to the democratization of learning," along with increased possibilities for

research, collaboration and trend analysis. He noted that by "allowing the humanities community to increase access to materials and resources and encouraging integration of knowledge," the digital humanities initiative reflects the spirit of the *Penn Compact 2020*.

The Price Lab for the Digital Humanities will evaluate, incubate and support complex interdisciplinary projects in the digital humanities conducted by undergraduate, graduate and faculty research participants. The lab will become home to full-time technical support staff with the computational skill sets needed to successfully complete these important projects, provide training for the project participants and manage the required technologies.

"We'll have a central place where we can explore exciting new areas of interdisciplinary convergence, using the digital humanities to

David White, Chemistry

David White, emeritus professor and former chair of chemistry in the School of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, passed away January 30 at the age of 90.

Dr. White was born January 14, 1925 in Ukraine, USSR. He received his BS in 1944 from McGill University and his PhD in 1947 from the University of Toronto in Canada.

In 1947, he came to the US where he had a position at the Ohio State University as a post-doctoral fellow and later as assistant director, then director of the Cryogenic Laboratory.

Dr. White was one of the leading scientists in the area of hydrogen and its isotopes, with the Department of the Navy supporting much of his research in the 1940s. He witnessed the first hydrogen bomb explosion and designed the expansion engine for liquefying gases, giving the patent to Air Products.

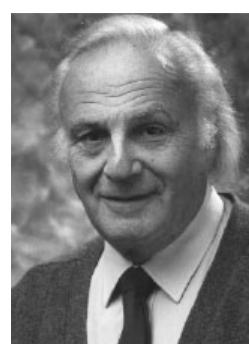
Dr. White was appointed professor and chairman of Penn's chemistry department in 1966. He helped build a chemistry department that attracted world-class faculty including Nobel award winners (*Almanac* October 17, 2000). He later became the director of Penn's Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter (LRSM) in 1981.

Dr. White was involved in many professional societies and boards, such as the National Research Council Board on Science and Technology for International Development and various panels of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. White is survived by his children, Sharon, Jacqueline (David) Kaplan and Edward (Barbara Sprague); sister, Rose Yasin; and ten grandchildren, Emily, Michael, Aaron, Ali, Jacob, Joshua, Jonathan, Rachel, Leah and Joseph.

Donations may be made in Dr. White's memory to the department of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania: <https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/giving/jsp/fastdo?program=SAS&fund=630006>

The department is planning a memorial.



David White

widen the understanding of what the humanities are and why they matter," said James English, John Welsh Centennial Professor of English, director of the Penn Humanities Forum and creator of the Digital Humanities Forum.

Mr. Price is the senior managing director of corporate advisory business and leader of the Technology and Telecom groups at Evercore Partners, a leading international investment banking advisory firm.

At Penn, the Prices have also contributed to the Neural and Behavioral Sciences Building, the Singh Center for Nanotechnology, the School of Arts & Sciences Board of Overseers chair currently held by Rebecca Bushnell and the Arts & Sciences Annual Fund. Additionally, they are members of the Men and Women of Pennsylvania, a society for donors who give over \$2 million to support undergraduate scholarships.

Honors & Other Things

Firooz Aflatouni: Franklin Key Award

Firooz Aflatouni, Skirkishich Assistant Professor in the department of electrical & systems engineering, is the recipient of the 2015 Benjamin Franklin Key Award from the IEEE Philadelphia.

The Key Award is given annually to an engineer in the Philadelphia section of IEEE (the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers) for outstanding technical innovation and technological contributions that have significant practical application. The award emphasizes technical innovation, a significant improvement to the design or application of a system or patents of clear practical values. Emphasis is placed on tangible technical and technological achievements that demonstrate intellectual, industrial, economical or human benefits.

Dr. Aflatouni's research interests include high speed integrated circuits, electronic-photonic co-design and silicon photonics with applications in imaging, sensing, communications, Radar, LIDAR and biotechnology.

IEEE is the world's largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence.



Firooz Aflatouni



Dawn Bonnell



Nader Engheta

Dawn Bonnell and Nader Engheta: MRS Fellows

Dawn Bonnell, Henry Towne Professor in the department of materials science & engineering, and *Nader Engheta*, H. Nedwill Ramsey Professor in the department of electrical & systems engineering, have been named 2015 Materials Research Society (MRS) Fellows.

The fellowship honors those MRS members who are notable for their distinguished research accomplishments and their outstanding contributions to the advancement of materials research worldwide. The distinction is highly selective with the maximum number of new Fellow appointments each year being limited to 0.2% of the current MRS regular membership.

Dr. Bonnell's research explores the fundamental basis of property variations at atomic scales in complex materials, exploiting these variations to make functional systems.

Dr. Engheta's research interests span the fields of nanooptics and nanophotonics, metamaterials and plasmonics and optical nanostructures, including nanoantennas, nanocircuits and nanosystems. Dr. Engheta is also investigating bio-inspired sensing and imaging as well as physics and reverse-engineering of polarization vision in nature.

Debi Page Ferrarello: Nightingale Award

Debi Page Ferrarello, director of Family Education and Lactation at Pennsylvania Hospital (PAH), recently earned the 25th annual Nightingale Award of Pennsylvania for Community Nursing.

Ms. Ferrarello is responsible for program development, implementation and evaluation of the hospital's Lactation Program and Childbirth Education. She oversees the hospital's specialty boutique located in the community, which caters to new moms and cancer survivors. She creates and facilitates interdepartmental task forces to tackle problems and directs an innovative lactation consultation internship program. A published researcher and author with more than 20 years' experience, she is also the team leader for the hospital's Baby-Friendly journey to create an optimal environment for infant feeding and mother-baby bonding.

Ms. Ferrarello, who is also an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, spearheaded change processes for staff, physicians, mothers and families to provide care that promotes breastfeeding and supports breast and bottle feeding mothers, in order to create an optimal environment for infant feeding and mother-baby bonding. She also led PAH through the performance improvement odyssey that makes the hospital eligible to achieve Baby-Friendly status.

Her efforts primarily contributed to PAH being chosen as one of 90 hospitals across the country to participate in a \$6 million grant to help hospitals achieve Baby-Friendly status through performance improvement.

Summer Research Support for Junior Faculty & Tenured Associate Professors: March 20

The Trustees' Council of Penn Women offers three \$5,000 summer research stipends to female faculty or faculty members whose research is centrally concerned with the role of women in society, science or arts and letters.* The Trustees' Council of Penn Women wishes to assist associate professors working for promotion to full professor, as well as assistant professors seeking promotion to the permanent rank of associate professor.

If you are interested in applying for the stipend, submit a two-page summary of the research you wish to undertake, an explanation of how the stipend will facilitate the research, a curriculum vitae and the name of a University reference. Describe how you will use the award and why it would be particularly useful to you at this time. Also required, indicate whether you have other sources of research funding (list dates and amounts). Those who have previously applied and did not receive an award are encouraged to apply again. The summary should be sent to: Summer Research Award, The Alice Paul Center for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality, 411 Cohen Hall, 249 S. 36th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6304. The deadline is Friday, March 20.

Research proposals will be reviewed, and the stipend awarded, through a peer review process. It is expected that the research, or a significant subset thereof, will be concluded during the summer of 2015 and a written report will be submitted to the review panel and to the Trustees' Council. Any subsequent publication of the research results should acknowledge the support of the Council.

* Note: The amount of the award varies according to whether the recipient chooses to receive it as salary or to use it for research expenses.

Ira Harkavy: Ernest L. Boyer Award for Lifetime of Work

Ira Harkavy, the associate vice president and founding director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania, was honored with the fifth annual Ernest L. Boyer Award during the annual Association of American Colleges & Universities meeting last month in Washington, DC.



Ira Harkavy

Awarded by New American Colleges & Universities, a consortium of private, comprehensive colleges that are grounded in the liberal arts tradition, the award honors an individual who has made outstanding contributions to higher education.

Dr. Harkavy was selected for his pioneering work in university-community partnerships and the civic engagement of students and faculty.

As an undergraduate student at Penn in the 1960s, Dr. Harkavy studied history so that he could better understand and ultimately help change the world. Under his leadership, the Netter Center for Community Partnerships has grown into a model for universities around the world.

The Netter Center now focuses on two primary approaches that allow Penn to connect with the West Philadelphia community: academically based community service (ABCs) courses and university-assisted community school partnerships.

ABCs courses are a form of service learning that focus on real world problem solving, such as those related to poverty, education and health care. These integrate learning, community service, teaching and research. Today, there are 26 departments at Penn that offer 65 academically based community service courses to 1,800 participating students each year.

The Netter Center also works with five university-assisted community schools that serve nearly 4,000 children and their families. Currently, it is working to replicate this model with three regional centers in Connecticut, Indiana and Oklahoma.

After receiving his award, Dr. Harkavy lectured on *Creating the Connected Institution: Toward Realizing Benjamin Franklin's and Ernest Boyer's Revolutionary Vision for American Higher Education*.

Kathryn Hellerstein: National Jewish Book Award

The Jewish Book Council has named *Kathryn Hellerstein*, associate professor of Yiddish in the department of Germanic languages and literatures in Penn Arts & Sciences the recipient of the 2014 Barbara Dobkin Award for Women's Studies for her *A Question of Tradition: Women Poets in Yiddish, 1586-1987* (Stanford University Press, 2014).

The National Jewish Book Awards highlight the best new English-language Jewish books and their authors in a range of categories.

Her books include *Anthology of Women Yiddish Poets* (forthcoming), *In New York: A Selection* (translations of Moyshe-Leyb Halpern) and *Paper Bridges: Selected Poems of Kadya Molodowsky*.

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She is co-editor of *Jewish American Literature: A Norton Anthology*. Her many scholarly articles on Yiddish literature and, most recently, Yiddish literature about China are published in journals, anthologies and encyclopedias.

Dr. Hellerstein has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, as well as from the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at Penn.

The Jewish Book Council awards will be presented on March 11 at the Center for Jewish History in New York City.

More Accolades for the Inn at Penn

The Inn at Penn recently was recognized by Hilton with two of the organization's highest awards. The hotel was honored with the "Highest Property Loyalty" (customer satisfaction) award for all Hilton Hotels in The Americas. The Inn at Penn also received the "Genius-of-the-And" award for meeting or exceeding all of its performance metrics in categories such as service, quality and market share to name a few.

Joshua Plotkin: Akira Okubo Prize for Mathematical Biology

Joshua Plotkin of the University of Pennsylvania has been named winner of the 2015 Akira Okubo Prize, awarded jointly by the International Society for Mathematical Biology and the Japanese Society for Mathematical Biology. The award committee granted the award with "great enthusiasm," noting that, "Plotkin's research achievements belie his young age."

The prize is given every other year, alternately to a senior scientist for lifetime achievement, and, as is the case this year, to a junior scientist younger than 40. The award honors scientists "for outstanding and innovative theoretical work, for establishing superb conceptual ideas, for solving tough theoretical problems and/or for uniting theory and data to advance biological science." Dr. Plotkin was judged to "amply satisfy" these criteria.

Dr. Plotkin is a professor with joint appointments in the department of biology in Penn Arts & Sciences and in the department of computer & information science in the School of Engineering & Applied Science. His research employs mathematics to address biological questions on topics as varied as language acquisition, DNA repair, distribution of tropical trees and social behavior. His theoretical work on the evolution of the influenza virus has important implications for public health, including vaccine design.

The Prize was created to honor the memory of Akira Okubo, a mathematician, ecologist and oceanographer. It comes with a cash prize and plaque. In addition, as an award winner, Dr. Plotkin will give two lectures this summer, one at the Society for Mathematical Biology Annual Conference in Atlanta this June and another at the Japanese Society for Mathematical Biology Annual Conference in Kyoto in August.



Joshua Plotkin

Dorothy Roberts: APA's Fuller Award

The American Psychiatric Association has named *Dorothy Roberts*, George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology, the recipient of the 2015 Solomon Carter Fuller Award in recognition of her demonstrated leadership and exceptional achievements.

The award honors "a Black citizen who has pioneered in an area which has significantly benefitted the quality of life for Black people."

Professor Roberts is an acclaimed scholar of race, gender and the law who joined the University in 2012 as its 14th Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor. Her appointment is shared between the School of Law and the departments of sociology and Africana studies in Penn Arts & Sciences. She is also the founding director of Penn's Program on Race, Science and Society.

Professor Roberts' path-breaking work explains the mechanisms and consequences of racial inequities for women, children, families and communities and counters scientific misunderstandings about racial identity. Her research focuses on family, criminal and civil-rights law; bioethics; child welfare; feminist theory; reproductive justice; critical race theory; and science and society.

Her major books include *Fatal Intervention: How Science, Politics and Big Business Re-CREATE Race in the Twenty-first Century*; *Sex, Power and Taboo: Gender and HIV in the Caribbean and Beyond*; *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare*; and *Killing The Black Body: Race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty*.

Professor Roberts will receive the award and deliver the Fuller Award lecture at the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting, in Toronto in May.

Penn Made President: Clayton Rose

Clayton Rose, who received a master's in 2005 and a PhD in 2007, both in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, was appointed the 15th president of Bowdoin College, a private liberal arts college in Brunswick, Maine. He is currently a faculty member at Harvard Business School where he teaches and writes on the responsibilities of leadership and managerial values. He will begin his presidency on July 1. Dr. Rose was selected for the Bowdoin presidency following an eight-month international search.

For more Penn Made Presidents see www.upenn.edu/almanac/pennpres.html

Top Ten: Sociology

The University of Pennsylvania's *department of sociology* was recently ranked tenth based on College Factual's ranking methodology according to *College USA Today* (December 27, 2014). They noted, "The sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania is one of the oldest and most distinguished departments in the country. Penn focuses on close interaction between faculty and students, which fosters discussions and a more comprehensive understanding of the sociology field. In addition

to coursework, Penn hosts a weekly colloquial series along with workshops and research clusters to help students discover specific sociological topics of interest to them.

The undergraduate program works to explain human behavior by focusing on social phenomena on a large scale. Students learn concepts and theories, which opens the possibility of pursuing a career in a number of fields. Penn graduates earn the highest average salaries of any on this list, with mid-career salaries of \$88,000" (Salary data provided by PayScale).



Dorothy Roberts



Eric Stoopler and Thomas Sollecito

Thomas Sollecito and Eric Stoopler: AAOM Awards

Two members of Penn Dental Medicine's department of oral medicine are being recognized for their contributions to the field by the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM). *Thomas Sollecito*, professor and chair, department of oral medicine, is the 2015 recipient of the AAOM's Abraham Reiner Diamond Pin Award, and *Eric Stoopler*, associate professor of oral medicine and director of the oral medicine residency program, is this year's recipient of the Herschfus Memorial Award.

The Abraham Reiner Diamond Pin Award—the highest award presented by the AAOM—recognizes unusual, exceptional and dedicated service to the Academy. Dr. Sollecito, who has been a member of the AAOM since 1991, served as president of the AAOM Board of Trustees in 2010 and remains an active member of the Board.

The Herschfus Memorial Award recognizes both service to the AAOM and the field of oral medicine. Dr. Stoopler, who presently serves as Secretary of the Academy, has been a member of the AAOM since 1999. He also serves on the Executive Committee, is a member of the Board of Trustees and is the Chair of the Program Directors Committee, comprised of all accredited oral medicine residency programs in North America.

Both Dr. Sollecito and Dr. Stoopler earned their DMD degrees and postdoctoral certificates in oral medicine from Penn Dental Medicine and have been on the school's oral medicine faculty since 1993 and 2002, respectively.

The awards will be presented at the AAOM Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, in April. The AAOM, founded in 1945, is a membership organization representing the discipline of oral medicine. The Academy is a sponsor of the American Board of Oral Medicine, which is responsible for examining and certifying candidates who have received approved postdoctoral training in the specialty.

Burrison Gallery Call for Art: March 31

The Burrison Gallery is calling for artwork submittals to be considered for its fifth annual University Club Members Exhibit.

Any member of the University Club at Penn may submit their work for consideration. This juried, group show will open with a reception in the early summer and will be on display in the Gallery from June 19-August 14, 2015.

The purpose of this show is to highlight the creativity of University Club members and to provide them with a venue to share their work with the University community. In order to qualify for consideration, you must be a member of the University Club when your submittal package is received. If you are not currently a member, you may apply at www.upenn.edu/universityclub/onlinemembership.php

Full details including a submittal form are available at <http://tinyurl.com/ppwns4d>

The deadline for submission of the package is *March 31, 2015*. Selected artists will be notified by May 15, 2015.

Lux ex Tenebris—Photography by Alexis Lerro at Burrison Gallery: February 14-March 20

Lux ex Tenebris—Photography by Alexis Lerro will be on display from February 14-March 20 with a reception on February 16 from 5-7 p.m. Having experimented with a variety of subjects and styles she ultimately found her niche in the study of botanical elements, patterned close ups and glowing fixtures. By focusing on the small details of the commonplace, she is reminded that her environment is woven with radiant moments, offering opportunities for reflection and gratitude. She aims to get as close to pure texture and emotion as possible and to coax life and light out of her daily life and local travels.



Black Grace at Annenberg Center: February 12-14



Photos by Duncan Cole

Black Grace, the dance troupe hailing from the other side of the world—New Zealand, will perform at Annenberg Center’s Zellerbach Theatre from February 12-14. They mix their cultural heritage with contemporary moves to conquer the stage with marked intensity and extreme prowess. Expect a highly physical performance, rich in the storytelling traditions of the South Pacific and expressed with raw finesse, unique beauty and power. The program includes *Minoi*, *Pati Pati*, *Mother Mother*, *Method* and *Gathering Clouds*.

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy Made Simple

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

Global Traveler? Enroll in Two-Factor Before You Go

The highly anticipated opening of the Penn Wharton China Center this March^[1] is a good reminder that foreign travel introduces unique risks to data privacy and security.

One of the biggest problems to watch out for is the theft of usernames and passwords. If these credentials are stolen, hackers may access critical resources such as email or sensitive Penn data. Credentials can be exposed in a variety of ways when traveling—from keystroke loggers on public computers and kiosks, such as those found in hotels and airports, to the unintentional introduction of malicious software on your personal device upon establishing an untrustworthy network connection.

Fortunately, thanks to the widespread adoption of smart phones, there is an easy and powerful tool that can nearly eliminate this particular risk: two-factor authentication.

ISC is currently piloting Two Step Verification (two-factor) for PennKey. This service protects your PennKey by requiring both a password and a code generated on your phone. It is easy to set up, has little impact on your day-to-day experience and is a powerful antidote to stolen passwords. It is available to anyone with a PennKey. Note that two-factor authentication is also available on many popular commercial services (such as Facebook, Google, Twitter, etc.) and is a best practice for those applications as well.

For more information about Penn’s Two Step Verification pilot—or for additional best practices when traveling abroad—talk to your Local Support Provider or visit www.upenn.edu/computing/security and explore the links for “Two Step Verification” and “Travel Tips for Data Security,” respectively.

^[1] www.upenn.edu/pennnews/news/penn-wharton-china-center-opening-events-2015

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

Professional and Liberal Education Information Sessions in February

- Tuesday, February 10: *Bachelor of Arts Virtual Information Session*, 12:30-1:30 p.m. A link to the session website will be sent via email. Registration: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/info-sessions-ba>

- Wednesday, February 18: *Organizational Dynamics Programs Information Sessions*, 6-8 p.m., Café 58, Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce Streets. Registration: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/info-sessions-dynn>

- Thursday, February 19: *Masters of Environmental Studies Virtual Information Session*, 5-6 p.m. A link to the session website will be

sent via email one day before the event. Registration: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/info-sessions-mes>

- Tuesday, February 24: *Penn Summer Chat: Choose Your Courses*, 5:30-6:30 p.m., online program. Registration: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/penn-summer-office-hours-registration>

- Wednesday, February 25: *Pre-Health Program Virtual Information Session*, 5-6 p.m. A link to the session website will be sent via email one day before the event. Registration: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/info-sessions-pre-health>

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February AT PENN

MUSIC

- 11** *Music from the Houses—An Evening of Schubert*; Min-Young Kim, violin; Michael Schmidt, cello; Matthew Bengston, piano; 7:30 p.m.; Rooftop Lounge, Harnwell College House (Music).

READINGS/SIGNINGS

- 11** *Nation to Nation: Treaties Among the United States and American Indian Nations*; Susan Harjo, Cheyenne/Hodulgee Muscogee; 10:30 a.m.; Penn Museum; free w/admission (Museum).

TALKS

- 11** *Personalizing Colorectal Cancer Therapy*; Wafik El-Deiry, Cancer Center for Translational Research; 10 a.m.; Caplan Auditorium, Wistar Institute (Wistar).

- 12** *Property and Portfolios: Space of Finance in Nineteenth-Century France*; Alexia Yates, Cambridge; 4:30 p.m.; rm. 209, College Hall (History).

- 13** *Large Scale Sociological Survey Projects in China*; Weidong Wang, Renmin University; noon; CSCC Conference Room, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Center for the Study of Contemporary China).

AT PENN Deadlines

The February AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac

The deadline for the March AT PENN calendar is today, *Tuesday, February 10*.

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Witchhazel is your Favorite at Morris Arboretum?

On Saturday, February 14, from 1-3 p.m., grab your family and head over to the Morris Arboretum for a day of outdoor fun and garden exploration. Follow the prepared scavenger hunt map to discover more than 70 varieties of colorful and fragrant witchhazels growing at the Morris Arboretum. Ranging in color from yellow and orange to pink and red, witchhazels are some of the first harbingers of spring, and the Arboretum's witchhazel collection is unparalleled in the area. The scavenger hunt invites visitors to compare the different varieties' beautiful flowers and take in their heady scent. After the hunt, visitors can stop back at the Visitor Center to make a fun craft. This event is free with regular admission and registration is not required.

New this year—on the second Saturday of February (2/14) and March (3/14) at 1 p.m.—knowledgeable guides will lead visitors on tours throughout the garden, searching for witchhazels. Tours start from the Widener Visitor Center at 1 p.m. and are also free for members or with regular admission. Registration is not required.

Come and enjoy the witchhazels all month. The scavenger hunt map will be distributed at the Visitor's Center every day in February and is also available to download from the website from the witchhazel page. For more information visit www.morrisarboretum.org

Penn Bookstore: Closing Early March 7

The Penn Bookstore will be closing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, **March 7** for its annual inventory. The Bookstore will reopen Sunday, **March 8** at 10 a.m.

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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 **January 26–February 1, 2015**. Also reported were 25 Crimes Against Property (11 thefts, 9 other offenses, 1 burglary, 1 drunkenness, 1 DUI, 1 fraud and 1 vandalism). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v61/n22/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 **January 26–February 1, 2015**. 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) 898-4482.

01/29/15 4:45 PM 3700 Spruce St
01/31/15 2:37 PM 4100 Pine St
01/31/15 2:55 PM 3400 Spruce St

Confidential sex offense
Phone taken from complainant/Two arrests
Complainant assaulted by known person

18th District Report

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 5 incidents with 1 arrest (2 assaults, 2 robberies and 1 indecent assault) were reported between **January 26–February 1, 2015** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

01/26/15 9:33 AM 4700 Spruce St Assault
01/29/15 8:17 AM 221 Hanson St Robbery
01/29/15 4:45 PM 3700 Spruce St Indecent Assault
01/31/15 2:26 PM 4100 Pine St Robbery/Arrest
01/31/15 4:16 PM 3400 Spruce St Assault

On January 5, 2015, the US Department of State implemented regulatory changes to its J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. In response, ISSS held information sessions this past January to update J-1 student and scholar host departments on the changes and their effect on Penn's institutional policy. As a follow up to these sessions, below is an outline of the updated policy information.

—Rodolfo R. Altamirano, Director, International Student and Scholar Services

Summary of Penn's Updated Institutional Policy for Hosting J-1 Exchange Visitors

English Language Proficiency Requirements

The new provisions require the use of "objective measurements" of English language proficiency. We have determined that this requirement may be met by one of the following options:

1) An acceptable score on a recognized English language test such as the TOEFL. (minimum scores are displayed in the eform)

a. The exchange visitor provides the test results directly to the host department.

b. When completing the ISSS J-1 eform application in iPenn, the host department will enter the score information and make the following attestations:

- i. the information is accurate;
- ii. test score documentation is on file in the host department and can be produced upon request.

c. For most degree and exchange students, this requirement is already met by the English language testing requirement of standard admission procedures.

2) Participation in an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) conducted by the English Language Program (ELP).

a. To arrange an OPI or for any related questions regarding the process, departments may contact ELP directly at (215) 898-8681 or egill@sas.upenn.edu

b. The host department will upload the OPI recommendations to iPenn as part of the J-1 eform application process.

3) A documented interview conducted by the host department either in-person, via videoconference or by telephone (if videoconferencing is not feasible).

a. The host department will determine internally who will be the best person to conduct such an interview.

b. The following best practices are strongly recommended:

- i. The interview is conducted by an objective party.
- ii. The interview is documented via a video or audio recording.

c. Interview guidelines and evaluation form template can be accessed at http://global.upenn.edu/uploads/media_items/english-proficiency-evaluation-form.original.docx

d. The host department will upload a completed evaluation to iPenn as part of the J-1 eform application process.

In the following cases, an interview is not required. The host department will attest to one of the following as part of the J-1 eform application in iPenn:

- The exchange visitor is a native speaker of English;
- The exchange visitor has completed a degree at an English speaking institution;
- The exchange visitor is transferring to Penn from an institution in the US;
- The exchange visitor is already at Penn and would like to extend their program.
- The exchange visitor has previously successfully completed his/her J-1 program without any language issue.

In the rare event that a department will host a high profile J-1 exchange visitor with limited English language skills, the department may provide an attestation that a translator will be provided by the host department during the J-1 exchange visitor's entire stay. Host departments should contact ISSS to receive special instructions about how to complete the J-1 eform with regard to these cases.

J-1 Exchange Visitor Reporting Requirements

All J-1 exchange visitors will be required to report the following in iPenn:

- 1) Report an email address for themselves and their J-2 spouse;
- 2) Report if an accompanying spouse or dependent permanently departs from the US prior to the Exchange Visitor's departure date;
- 3) Report as soon as possible, but no later than 10 days, any change in US address, phone number, email address or site of activity.

New Exchange Visitor Insurance Amounts:

(Effective May 15, 2015)

1) Exchange Visitors and their dependents must be insured for the entirety of their stay in the following amounts.

	Expiring Regulations	New Regulations
Medical benefits	\$50,000	\$100,000
Repatriation of remains	\$7,500	\$25,000
Medical evacuation	\$10,000	\$50,000
Deductible per accident or illness	\$500	\$500

2) As part of the exchange visitor verification process, within 30 days of exchange visitor's arrival and every six months thereafter, host departments will be required to:

- a. Verify internally that exchange visitors and dependents are insured in the amount required by the regulations.
- b. Complete an eform in iPenn attesting to the above information.
- c. Complete other reporting requirements as described below.

No Retaliation Policy

- It is unlawful to retaliate against an exchange visitor for making good-faith complaints about the program or otherwise asserting any other right.
- Prohibited Retaliation includes:
 - Threatening program termination
 - Removing from the program
 - Banning from the program

University policy generally prohibits retaliation or intimidation against any member of the University community for undertaking protected activity, which includes good faith complaints of discrimination, harassment or noncompliance. Departments with concerns regarding this policy should contact their Human Resource officer and/or the Office of General Counsel.

J-1 Reporting Requirements from Host Departments

1) Host departments must report via iPenn as soon as possible, but no later than 10 days, any of the following changes to the program:

- a. Physical location (primary office or laboratory location);
- b. Additional site of activities;
- c. Duties and responsibilities of the J-1 exchange visitor;
- d. J-1 exchange visitor's departure from or discontinuation of the program (does not include vacation or short absences while in the United States).

2) Host departments are required to verify J-1 exchange visitor details within 30 days of arrival and every six months thereafter. The host department will attest that the J-1 related program information and health insurance coverage is still accurate by completing a J-1 program verification eform through iPenn.

3) In case of any serious problem or controversy involving a J-1 exchange visitor, the host department must notify ISSS and the Office of General Counsel no later than the next business day.

Additional Pre-Arrival Information Required from Departments

All host departments are required to update their existing invitations or offer letters to include the information provided in the ISSS template. This template is located at: http://global.upenn.edu/uploads/media_items/appointment-letter-template-j-1.original.doc

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