Susan Volk: Corinne R. and Henry Bower Professor of Surgery at Penn Veterinary Medicine

Andrew M. Hoffman, Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Penn, has named Susan W. Volk, a renowned veterinary scientist, the Corinne R. and Henry Bower Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Volk is an international thought leader, speaker, and inventor. Her current research funding includes two NIH grants (ROI) as PI, along with other private foundation awards. Her body of research focuses on mechanisms by which the extracellular matrix regulates key processes in the wound healing-fibrosis-cancer triad. Dr. Volk’s awards include the Penn Center for Innovation’s 2019 Emerging Inventor of the Year and the Wound Healing Foundation’s 2021 Excellence in Translational Regenerative Science Award. She is a member of the editorial board of Wound Repair and Regeneration and an elected member of the boards of directors of the Wound Healing Society and the North American Veterinary Regenerative Medicine Association. Recently elected vice president of the Wound Healing Society, Dr. Volk will assume the society’s presidency in 2025.

“Dr. Volk has developed a research portfolio focused on understanding dynamic reciprocity between cells and their surrounding extracellular matrix in both regenerative and tumor microenvironments,” said Dean Hoffman. “The success of her research program underscores her ability to lead cross-disciplinary teams to efficiently develop novel therapies that improve the lives of surgical and cancer patients. This is particularly exemplified by her patented approach to reengineering the tumor microenvironment to prevent metastatic spread following surgical removal of tumors.”

Dr. Volk, a board-certified diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, earned her veterinary and doctoral degrees through Penn’s Veterinary Medical Scientist Training Program. She joined Penn Vet’s faculty in 2007 as an assistant professor of small animal surgery. Dr. Volk was appointed an associate professor of small animal surgery in 2018, and

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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**Report from the Tri-Chairs.** The next Faculty Senate roundtable will be held on April 24, from 4-6 p.m. Details and registration information are available at https://provost.upenn.edu/senate/roundtable. The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty will hold a series of discussions on community engaged scholarship during April, which are intended to encourage discussion about what community engaged scholarship is and how it is evaluated in appointment, tenure, and promotion processes. Each conversation will focus on the topic from a different disciplinary perspective: in health sciences (April 17), in social sciences (April 19), and in arts and humanities (April 27).

**Penn Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan Consultation.** Joshua Beeman, associate vice president of information technology and associate chief information officer, as well as IT technical directors Dawn Augustino and Naiia Machado, listened to comments from SEC members regarding the future of information technology at Penn. The comments will aid Penn’s Information Technology Strategic Plan, which will help prioritize IT activities for the next three to five years. Additional information about this process is available at https://www.isc.upenn.edu/penn-it-strategic-plan.

**Tomorrow, Together Progress Report.** Red and Blue Advisory Committee chair John L. Jackson, Jr., previewed the forthcoming report of the committee, which will be submitted to President Magill later this spring semester and will be published during the summer.

**Penn Engineering 2023 Student Choice Awards**

Deep Jariwala  
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of Richard Courant and New York University, where Dr. Shields completed an MA in humanities and social thought: science studies.

**Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award**

Deep Jariwala, an assistant professor in electrical and systems engineering, is the first member of the faculty to be awarded the Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award. This award is given to a member of the faculty by the undergraduate student body and the Engineering Alumni Society in recognition of outstanding research mentorship of undergraduate students in the school. Dr. Jariwala received his undergraduate degree from the Indian Institute of Technology and went on to receive a PhD in materials science and engineering from Northwestern University.

**S. Reid Warren, Jr. Award**

Peter K. Davies, the Class of 1942 Term Professor in materials science and engineering, has been awarded the S. Reid Warren, Jr. Award. Presented in conjunction with the Engineering Alumni Society, this award recognizes outstanding service in stimulating and guiding the intellectual and professional development of undergraduate students at the school. Dr. Davies earned a BA in chemistry and an MA in natural sciences from Oxford University. He then went on to earn a PhD in solid state chemistry from Arizona State University.

**Ford Motor Company Award for Faculty Advising**

Arvind Bhusnurmath, a senior lecturer in computer and information science, is this year’s recipient of the Ford Motor Company Award for Faculty Advising, which recognizes dedication to helping students realize their educational, career and personal goals. Dr. Bhusnurmath received an integrated five-year M.Tech in mathematics and computing from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, India, and then went on to earn a PhD in computer and information science from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Hatfield Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Lecturer and Practice Professor Track**

Mahadevan Khamtha, a senior lecturer in materials science and engineering, has been awarded the Hatfield Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Lecturer and Practice Professor Track. Presented to a full-time lecturer, senior lecturer or practice professor in Penn Engineering, the award recognizes outstanding teaching ability, dedication to innovative undergraduate instruction, and exemplary service to the school in consistently inspiring students in the engineering and scientific profession. Dr. Khamtha earned BS and MS degrees in physics from the University of Madras. She then went on to earn a PhD in physics from the Indian Institute of Technology.

**Deaths**

Peter Bloom, Psychiatry

Peter Brower Bloom, M’62, a former clinical professor of psychiatry at Penn’s School of Medicine and Pennsylvania Hospital, died on September 10, 2022, in Media, Pennsylvania. He was 86.

Born in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bloom graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1954, then earned his BA in chemistry from Cornell University in 1958. He then came to Penn, earning a medical degree in 1962 from Penn’s Medical School. During his senior year of medical school and throughout his rotating internship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), his interest in the psychological side of medicine began to develop. His residency at Penn was interrupted in 1963 when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He served in Albuquerque, New Mexico on a joint service military base for two years. During his service, Lieutenant Bloom received the Department of Defense’s Joint Service Commendation Medal for organizing Sandia Base Army Hospital’s outpatient clinic, which served 10,000 patients each month.

After his military service, Dr. Bloom finished his medical residency and gastroenterology fellowship at HUP, but then decided to switch gears and enter psychiatry. Dr. Bloom completed his psychiatric residency at the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1971 and immediately started his private practice at the institute. When the institute closed in 1997, he moved his office to Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bloom was also a preceptor and taught in Penn’s department of psychiatry, becoming a clinical professor of psychiatry in 1992. In 2008, he received Penn’s Annual Award for Clinical Faculty; the award citation mentioned that he was “an outstanding role model for a generation of students and colleagues.”

Dr. Bloom was active in his field, serving as president of the American Board of Medical Hypnosis and the International Society for Hypnosis (ISH), where he was awarded the ISH Pierre Janet Award for Clinical Excellence and the Benjamin Franklin Gold Medal, the highest award of the ISH. He was a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, and the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. Dr. Bloom was a foreign member of the Swedish Society for Clinical Hypnosis and an honorary member of many other learned societies. He was on the editorial boards of several clinical journals and published many peer-reviewed chapters and articles.

Dr. Bloom loved travel and music; he was one of the original members of the Sherwoods of Cornell, a twelve-man a capella group founded in 1956. He loved camping, canoeing, and sailing, skills he developed as a counselor at Camp Pocono. Dr. Bloom also valued the friendships he made on the golf course at Rolling Green Golf Club. In his community, he participated in Indian Guides, chartered school
field trips, sang in the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church Choir, coached SRA baseball, and acted in the Swarthmore Nativity Pageant.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia (née Blosier); his children, Kathy (George), Diana (Michael), and Brian (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Alexis, Madeline (Stefano), Melanie, Anna, Jackson, and Logan; his sister, Barbara; his brother, Fred (Heike); his sister-in-law, Karen (Ray); and nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was held on October 8, 2022.

Joan Wadleigh Curran, Weitzman

Joan Wadleigh Curran, a former senior lecturer of painting and drawing in the Weitzman School of Design, died on March 29 of complicatios from metastatic cancer. She was 72.

Ms. Wadleigh Curran was born April 27, 1950, in Paterson, New Jersey. Her family moved to Needham, Massachusetts when she was five. She earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts at Skidmore College in 1972 and a master’s degree in fine arts at Yale University in 1974.

Inspired to draw and paint nature with what she said was “a sense of human intervention or human touch,” Ms. Wadleigh Curran created works that featured themes of regeneration, the cycle of life, and the coexistence of disparate objects. She worked in charcoal, paint, and other media for more than 50 years, and her pieces have been displayed in hundreds of exhibitions, galleries, and private collections around the world.

Ms. Wadleigh Curran had cerebral palsy since birth, and her physical challenges, coupled with the joy she found in life, were often reflected in her art. She constantly balanced struggle and happiness, career, and family, and the coexistence of such contrasts appear in her work as colorful vines entwined in old chicken wire and beautiful flowers placed amid the debris and wreckage of industrial life. Most recently, she turned woodcuts into collages, a permutation she described as an artistic “language.”

Ms. Wadleigh Curran held solo exhibitions at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., the Wagner Free Institute of Science, and many other galleries in Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, and elsewhere. She was featured in more than 100 group exhibitions, including those at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London; the High Museum of Art in Atlanta; the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.; the National Academy of Design in New York; the New York State Council on the Arts; the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and many others.

Peter Joseph, Radiology

Peter Maron Joseph, GM ’78, a professor emeritus of radiology in the Perelman School of Medicine, died on February 25. He was 83.

Dr. Joseph received a PhD from Harvard in 1967, as well as a degree from Penn’s School of Medicine in 1978. In 1983, he joined Penn’s faculty as an associate professor of radiologic physics and was promotied to a full professor three years later. Dr. Joseph conducted innovative research at Penn that focused on breast cancer; he received a University Research Foundation (URF) award in 1994. This work gained him recognition in his field. He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. He joined Penn’s 25-Year Club in 2008 and retired in 2013 after 30 years of service.

Dr. Joseph leaves behind fond memories of his time at Penn. “I did an MRI postdoctoral fellowship under Peter’s guidance at Penn from 1987-1989,” said his student Andrew Bogdan. “It was a very hands-on researcher and a great source of knowledge. I greatly enjoyed those two years getting to know and work with him.”

He is survived by his wife, Susan Rittenhouse Joseph; his brother-in-law, Robert Weil; his niece, Nadine Weil; numerous cousins; and the Rittenhouse family. A memorial service was held on April 1. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church or the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Mary Needham Moore, Nursing

Mary Needham Moore, G’Nu’79, GRN’87, a faculty member at Penn Nursing, died on January 4 in Boston. She was 88.

Born in Cambridge, Dr. Moore spent her formative years in Massachusetts. In 1952, she graduated from Milton Academy in Milton, MA and was presented at the Debutante Cotillion in Boston. She completed her baccalaureate nursing degree at Bates College, then received a master’s degree in education from Saint Joseph’s University. She then received a master’s degree in nursing and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979 and 1987, respectively. In addition to teaching at Penn, Dr. Moore taught in nursing programs at Widener University, the University of Virginia, and the College of New Rochelle, and was dedicated to the advancement of nursing science and student advocacy. She also served as a member of several USAID-sponsored interdisciplinary teams focusing on rehabilitation in post-war Vietnam (Hanoi, DaNang, and Saigon). Internationally, Dr. Moore presented workshops on graduate nursing education in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Dr. Moore was a talented needlepoint stitcher and aficinado of antique furniture and Staffordshire dogs.

Dr. Moore is survived by her children, John Moore (Angela), Jennifer Foley (the late Brian), David Moore, and Bradford Moore; her grandchildren, Lauren Kearney (James) and Rebecca Moore, Brendan Foley, Leah Moore, Caroline Moore, Samantha Moore, and Jeremy Moore; and her great-grandchildren, Avery and Paige Kearney. Services were private. An interment was held in North Kingston, Rhode Island. Donations in her honor can be made to the animal rescue charity of your choice.

Richard Nemiroff, Obstetrics/Gynecology

Richard L. Nemiroff, a clinical professor of obstetrics/gynecology in the Perelman School of Medicine, died on January 29. He was 80.

Dr. Nemiroff received a BA in 1964 from Cornell University in physics and zoology, then earned an MD from Thomas Jefferson University in 1970. The same year, he joined the faculty at Penn’s School of Medicine and Pennsylvania Hospital. He served a long and fruitful tenure at Penn, garnering a reputation for kindness and a gift for mentoring. “Dr. Nemiroff is the most dedicated physician I have ever had the pleasure of training under,” said his student Anthony Mackaronis, now a physician at Capital Health U.S. “He is a mentor and role-model for generations of young physicians trained at Pennsylvania Hospital.”

Dr. Nemiroff is survived by his children, Rachel (Todd) Baskin and Craig (Liz) Nemiroff; his grandchildren, Andrew, Hannah, Joshua, Owen, Sam, and Jack; and his brother, Mark (Holly) Nemiroff. A funeral service was held on January 31.

Roger Soloway, Medicine

Roger David Soloway, a former professor in the department of internal medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, died on January 29. He was 87.

Born in Philadelphia, Dr. Soloway graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in New York State, where he ran on the cross-
Honors & Other Things

Sarah Asfari: 2023 Beinecke Scholar
Penn senior Sarah Asfari has been awarded a 2023 Beinecke Scholarship to pursue a graduate degree in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Ms. Asfari is one of 20 Beinecke Scholars chosen throughout the United States and the 15th recipient from Penn since the award was first given in 1975. Universities may nominate only one student, and this year there were 87 applicants. This is the fourth year in the last five that a Penn student has been named a Beinecke Scholar. Each 2023 scholar receives $5,000 upon completion of undergraduate studies and an additional $30,000 to support graduate study, with no geographical restrictions. Applicants must have a history of being eligible to receive need-based financial aid.

From Raleigh, North Carolina, Ms. Asfari is majoring in modern Middle Eastern studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. She studies Arabic language, literature, and culture and is committed to helping advance scholarship on the peoples and cultures of the Southwest Asia and North Africa regions.

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country team and played in the band. He then attended Cornell University, where he received an undergraduate degree in 1957 and a medical degree in 1961. While at Cornell, Dr. Soloway played in the marching band and participated in the ROTC. After completing his internship and first year residency at the Columbia division of Bellevue Hospital, Dr. Soloway and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Paris, France, where Dr. Soloway served as Commander of a dispensary in the U.S. Army and, as the medical officer, accompanied top American and NATO officers to secret locations in the event of a military alert. After returning to the U.S., Dr. Soloway completed his medical residency at Bellevue Hospital, a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania, and a fellowship in hepatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

In 1971, after completing his fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Soloway joined Penn’s School of Medicine faculty as an assistant professor of medicine. At Penn, Dr. Soloway treated patients, conducted research, and held many academic and administrative positions. His research on gallstones, hepatitis, and the liver was published in prestigious American and international journals and has long been extensively cited by colleagues. He was promoted to associate professor in 1976 and to full professor six years later. From 1986 to 1987, he chaired the Faculty Senate, but vacated the past chair position after accepting a position at the University of Texas at Galveston in 1987. At Galveston, he served as the Marie P. Gale Centennial Professor and chair of gastroenterology and hepatology, as well as acting chair of medicine for two years. Dr. Soloway’s work at Galveston garnered him several prestigious honors. He was an elected member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the American Gastroenterological Association, and he received the John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award from the University of Texas at Galveston.

Dr. Soloway loved music in all its forms. He sang and played several instruments in choirs, barbershop quartets, and jazz and classical ensembles. He was a devout supporter of the Galveston Symphony Orchestra and Congregation Beth Israel, and enjoyed photography and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his sons, Andrew, David, and Russell; their wives, Erica, Lyn, and Shara; his grandchildren, Aryeh, Ethan, Dinah, and Eva Renee; his sisters, Karen, and Martha Zarkowsky (Bruce); his brother, Michael; his brother-in-law, Gary Fields (Rachelle); and numerous nieces and nephews. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Dr. Roger D. and Marilyn L. Soloway Endowment in Hepatology, University of Texas Medical Branch Development Services, 301 University Blvd., Galveston, Texas 77555, or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Sarah Asfari

Perelman School of Medicine 2023 Faculty Awards

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The Robert Dunnung Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

This award was established by the department of anesthesiology in 1984. As a pioneer in the specialty of anesthesia and chair of the department from 1943 to 1972, Dr. Dripps was instrumental in the training of more than 300 residents and fellows, many of whom went on to chair other departments. This award recognizes excellence as an educator of residents and fellows in clinical care, research, teaching, or administration.

Catherine “Trina” Salva is an associate professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Harvard College in 1994, she attended medical school at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed her residency training at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. She came to Penn in 2006 after three years in private practice and immediately became involved in residency education. She has served as the residency program director since 2010, successfully expanding the residency from 24 to 32 trainees during her tenure. In the ambulatory setting, she served as medical director of Penn’s Helen O. Dickson Center for Women’s Health for more than 10 years. She is clinically active in labor and delivery and inpatient gynecology services. Dr. Salva currently leads a surgical coaching initiative for residents and faculty. She is a past recipient of the Penn Pearl, the CREOG National Faculty Award, and Penn’s Faculty Teaching Award. With a commitment to lifelong learning, Dr. Salva completed a master’s degree in medical education at Penn in 2022. “Dr. Catherine Salva is not only an outstanding individual teacher for our residents, but her example and encouragement resonate throughout our faculty,” wrote a student. “Our department is inspired by her leadership in resident education, and we all become better teachers through her influence.”

Blockley-Osler Award

Created in 1987 by the Blockley Section of the Philadelphia College of Physicians, this award is given annually to a member of the faculty at the affiliated hospital for excellence in teaching modern clinical medicine at the bedside in the tradition of William Osler and others who taught at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Howard M. Julien is a cardiology specialist and an assistant professor of clinical medicine. He specializes in nuclear cardiac imaging, echo-cardiography, and non-invasive cardiology. Dr. Julien is a part of the Penn Consultative Cardiology group and is the director of inpatient cardiology at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center. Dr. Julien received his BS in biomedical education from the City College of New York, and then attended school at Albany Medical College and graduated with his

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MD and MPH in 2009. He completed an internal medicine residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, a general cardiology fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and an advanced nuclear cardiac imaging fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center campus. More recently, Dr. Julien completed a master’s degree in law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School in 2020. He recently served as chair of the Medical Faculty Senate Steering Committee and currently serves as vice-chief for diversity, inclusion, and health equity as well as associate fellowship program director in the division of cardiology. His professional passions include identifying health disparities in large data sets, cardiac imaging, and career development of underrepresented minorities. Dr. Julien is an avid traveler, baker, gardener, and knitter.

Tara Bamat is an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and an attending physician in the division of general pediatrics at CHOP’s Justin Michael Ingerman Center for Palliative Care. She has a clinical focus of caring for children with medical complexity and life-limiting illnesses and their families. Dr. Bamat graduated from Columbia University with a BA in neuroscience and behavior, attended the Perelman School of Medicine, and completed her residency, chief residency, and fellowship training in hospice and palliative medicine at CHOP. She has served as an associate program director of the pediatric residency program since 2015. In this role, Dr. Bamat re-designed and scaled the program’s well-being initiatives by building a program to identify systems drivers of burnout and creating a longitudinal curriculum for residents focused on trauma-informed and emotion-based leadership development. She is also a lead facilitator for CHOP’s Vital Talk communication program, teaching sub-interns, residents, fellows, APPs, and faculty throughout the hospital foundational communication skills in delivering serious news, mapping goals of care, and addressing microaggressions. She has been recognized as a humanistic and effective teacher with multiple awards including, four David Cornfeld bedside teaching awards, the Joanne Decker memorial work/life mentor award, and the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Award for Humanism. The purpose that fuels her passion is grounded in helping others navigate difficult situations and hard transitions to not feel so alone during the process, and to ultimately lead more value-aligned lives. A trainee wrote, “Dr. Bamat’s enthusiasm for resident professional growth is palpable. What I appreciate most about her is that she allows each resident to cultivate the practice style that makes the most sense for them, giving their preferences and unique strengths. With Dr. Bamat, you feel like you can just be the best version of yourself without pressure to pretend to be something you’re not. I am a better person and physician for having worked with her.”

The Scott Mackler Award for Excellence in Substance Abuse Teaching
This award was established in 2000 by the Penn/VA Center for Studies of Addiction and the department of psychiatry. Scott Mackler is remembered for his excellence in teaching medical students, residents, postdoctoral fellows, nurses, and other Penn faculty in many different departments in the area of substance abuse. Brian Jenssen is an assistant professor in the department of pediatrics at Penn, a practicing primary care pediatrician at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), associate director of clinical impact for clinical futures at CHOP, and the medical director of value-based care for CHOP’s Care Network (a primary care network for pediatric patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey). Dr. Jenssen’s research uses clinical decision support systems and population health management techniques to protect children from secondhand smoke exposure and tobacco use. His current efforts include helping parents quit smoking in clinical settings and clinical and policy research to protect adolescents and youth from e-cigarettes/vaping. More broadly, he focuses on using health information technology to engineer and implement novel approaches and products to improve care for children and their parents.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching (at an Affiliated Hospital)
The Dean’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching was established in 1989 to recognize clinical teaching excellence and commitment to medical education by outstanding faculty members from affiliated hospitals. One or more Dean’s Awards are given annually, the recipients being selected on the advice of a committee of faculty and students.

Tingfang (Tina) Chen is an assistant professor at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the Medical Faculty Senate, and is currently serving as vice-chair of the Medical Faculty Senate steering committee. She received her medical degree from the New York University Grossman School of Medicine, completed her residency training in psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and then completed her fellowship in child & adolescent psychiatry at CHOP. She currently also serves as the director of medical student education for the department of psychiatry at PSOM, and, within that role, as the psychiatry clerkship director and course director of the psychiatry block of the Brain & Behavior course. She is also the medical director of the behavioral health integrated program consultation-liaison service at CHOP. She has been involved in numerous curriculum development initiatives, both at CHOP and at Penn, including leading the psychiatry curriculum. Chen is the design for undergraduate medical education for VinUniversity in Vietnam through the PSOM Center for Global Health. Dr. Chen is recognized for her outstanding skills as a clinician, educator and collaborator in clinical care and education at CHOP and Penn and has been a prominent leader in furthering educational experiences for medical students and psychiatry trainees. She is passionate about medical student education and training, both in the classroom and at the bedside, and is dedicated to the growth of students and trainees at various levels, both personally and professionally, through mentorship and fostering a lifelong love of humanistic and holistic experiences and learning as well as career development.

Grace Chen Kimbaris is an assistant professor in the department of neurology. She graduated from Boston University School of Medicine and then completed her neurology residency and neuromuscular fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She joined Penn’s faculty in 2016 and has a busy clinical practice based at Pennsylvania Hospital. For several years, she has served as the course director for the preclinical course Brain and Behavior. Dr. Kimbaris is active in medical education and thoughtful mentorship at both the medical student and resident levels, and continues to shape and provide a model for the careers of countless young physicians.

Farah Hussain is an assistant professor of clinical medicine in the department of medicine’s section of hospital medicine. She received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University and completed her internal medicine residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Hussain joined the Penn faculty in 2016 and has served as a hospital medicine attending at both the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where she teaches both medical students and residents. In
addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Hussain is passionate about a diverse range of medical education topics, including trainee well-being and the intersection of climate change and health. She currently is co-director of the emotional intelligence curriculum for the internal medicine residency, where she teaches evidence-based practices for improving resilience and strategic self-care. She also serves as the Perelman School of Medicine’s first director of planetary health curricula. In this role, she creates educational material that is integrated into the medical school curriculum to ensure that PSOM’s students are educated in the health implications of climate change, which will inevitably affect their future clinical practice.

Andrew Orr is an assistant professor of clinical medicine in the division of general internal medicine. He graduated from Rutgers University’s Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and completed his residency training at Penn before joining the faculty in 2018. Dr. Orr then earned his master’s degree in medical education at Penn’s Graduate School of Education in 2022 and currently practices as a hospitalist at both HUP and the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center. He serves as co-director of the internal medicine sub-internship for PSOM and created an annual museum-based educational session for the internal medicine residency program. He is passionate about innovative approaches to medical education, designing transformative educational curricula, and incorporating the medical humanities into clinical practice.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching by an Allied Health Professional

This award was established in 1997 to recognize outstanding teaching by allied health professionals (e.g. nurses, physician’s assistants, emergency medical technicians). The recipient is selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Erika “Anaya” Kellogg is the director and educational supervisor of dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) training in the residency psychotherapy practice in the department of psychiatry. She earned her MSW from the School of Social Policy and Practice at Penn and is a psychotherapist in the Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic and the Charles O’Brien Center for Addiction Treatment. She is a certified clinician through the DBT-Linehan Board of Certifica tion and is the team leader of comprehensive and skillfully DBT treatment at the outpatient department of psychiatry at Penn Medicine. In 2022, she was recognized with the CPUP Penn Medicine Experience Advocacy award for enhancing access to care and committing to delivering DBT with fidelity to diverse populations. In the department of psychiatry, she teaches post-graduate year 3 and year 4 students in delivering DBT skills groups to patients experiencing suicidal ideation, non-suicidal self-injury, and other high-risk behaviors. She is dedicated to mentoring and teaching clinicians as they build competence and willingness to work with difficult-to-treat psychiatry patients.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching

The Dean’s Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching was established in 1988 to recognize teaching excellence and commitment to medical student teaching in the basic sciences. One or more Dean’s Awards are given annually, the recipients being selected on the advice of a committee of faculty and students.

Mariella De Biasi is a professor in the department of psychiatry, where she directs the program on cholinergic mechanisms in addiction and mental illness. Dr. De Biasi received a PhD in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Padua in Italy and did her postdoctoral training in biophysics and molecular biology at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. De Biasi works at the intersection of neuroscience, pharmacology, and genetics, and her most important contributions have been to elucidate the molecular basis of nicotine dependence and withdrawal. Her lab also contributes to scientific understanding of how nicotinic receptor gene variants influence nicotine and alcohol addiction. Other work in her lab focuses on nicotine and alcohol co-dependence, nicotine’s interactions with stress, and cholinergic involvement in mental illness. Dr. De Biasi is dedicated to the mission of training the next generation of scientists. Her teaching impacts students at various stages of education, from undergraduates to those in graduate and medical school and those in the psychiatry residency research track. She is the director of the undergraduate course The Neuroscience Behind the Addiction to Chocolate, Wine, Coffee, and Tobacco, and the director of the graduate level course Topics in Translational Neuroscience. She also teaches in Brain and Behavior, one of the preclinical courses offered to medical students by the department of psychiatry. As co-leader of the research track in the psychiatry residency program, Dr. De Biasi also mentors and participates in the education of residents committed to a career in academic medicine. Dr. De Biasi’s research awards and honors include a distinguished lectureship from the American Society for Peripheral Nerve, the Curtis Hankamer Award for Basic Research, and the Lyndon B. Johnson Research Award. Her teaching skills have been recognized with the Barbara and Corbin J. Robertson Jr. Presidential Award for Excellence in Education from Baylor College of Medicine.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching by Housestaff

This award was established in 2015 to recognize clinical teaching excellence and commitment to medical education by outstanding housestaff. One award is given annually. The recipient is selected on the advice of a committee of faculty and students.

Zachary Reese is chief fellow and a third-year pulmonary and critical care fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Georgetown University, he obtained his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University. He then completed his internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where he also served as a chief medical resident. He is passionate about medical education, completing the clinician educator track in residency and the Measey Medical Education Fellowship while at Penn. After he finishes his fellowship, he will join the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Lankenau Medical Center. He enjoys teaching medical students immensely and looks forward to teaching students and trainees throughout his career.

Special Dean’s Award

The Special Dean’s Award was established in 1990 to recognize outstanding achievements in medical education by faculty members, particularly in the development of new, innovative educational programs. The senior vice dean for medical education, in consultation with the Teaching Awards Selection Committee, identifies unique contributions by faculty and recognizes exceptional support and innovative planning for all educational programs during COVID-19, resulting in their receipt of this special honor.

Sepana Tsao is an associate professor of clinical emergency medicine, vice-chair of education in the department of emergency medicine, and co-director of the Measey Learning in a Virtual Environment (LiVE) program at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Tsao began her career in 2009 at Penn Presbyterian Medicine Center, where she served as clerkship director of the emergency medicine core clerkship before becoming the inaugural vice chair of education in emergency medicine. She has been involved in leadership roles in national organizations, including member-at-large of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine’s (SAEM) Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine (CDEM) Executive Committee and subcommittee chair of CDEM’s Assessment Committee. Her primary educational interests
include using technology to create innovative methods for teaching and coaching medical students. Her published work and speaking engagements focus on simulation and virtual reality in medical education.

Mira Mamtani is an associate professor of clinical emergency medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mamtani received a BS in psychology at Stony Brook University, where she studied the role of bias in decision-making. She then earned an MD at Stony Brook Medical School and a master’s in medical education at the Penn Graduate School of Education, where she acquired advanced training in adult learning theory and organizational change. Dr. Mamtani completed a residency in emergency medicine at Penn Medicine, where she served as chief resident. Since 2013, Dr. Mamtani has been the associate residency program director for the department of emergency medicine, and since 2020 has served as associate director of FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women. Her educational and research mission center around identifying and mitigating bias to optimize the learning environment.

The Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award

The Michael (Mikey) P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award was established in 2017 to honor Dr. Nusbaum as he stepped down from his role as associate dean for graduate education and director of biomedical graduate studies.

This year’s recipient of the Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award is Igor Brodsky, professor of pathobiology, School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Brodsky was praised by his mentees and colleagues for his personalized mentorship that is supportive and encouraging while providing a balance between intellectual freedom and guidance. Dr. Brodsky’s dedication to mentoring students and guiding them in reaching their scholarly potential perpetuate the mentoring values of Dr. Nusbaum within BGS.

The Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award

The Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award was established in 2009 by the Glick family in remembrance of Jane Glick, PhD, and her dedication to the Biomedical Graduate Studies (BGS) programs.

Our recipient for the Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award is Kiran Musunuru, professor of medicine, Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Musunuru’s leadership role in running CAMB 6100, Molecular Basis of Gene Therapy and Genome Editing, and his initiative to overhaul this course has significantly improved BGS graduate student curriculum, particularly in the Cell and Molecular Biology program. Students also praised Dr. Musunuru’s style and efficacy in teaching critical thinking in this content area. BGS is grateful to continue to have faculty who continue in the traditions of Jane Glick such as Dr. Musunuru.

Susan W. Volk: Corrine R. and Henry Bower Professor of Surgery at Penn Veterinary Medicine

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became a full professor this year. “Dr. Volk has dedicated her entire academic and professional career to the pursuit and practice of a veterinarian-surgeon-scientist at the University of Pennsylvania,” said Dean Hoffman. “She reflects the values and dedication that are vital to the mission of Penn Vet, and to our community, directly mentoring more than a hundred graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and surgical residents. Her commitment and scholarly leadership are undeniably suited for this celebrated professorship, and I am delighted to have her on our faculty.”

The awarding of a named, endowed professorship is the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania and reflects a commitment to scientific discovery, mentorship, and service.

Earth Week 2023 at Penn

Earth Week will be marked at Penn with events that take place through April 26, 2023. All members of the Penn community are invited to participate.

Earth Week is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to participate in cross-disciplinary events designed to educate and inspire action around themes of environmental justice, climate, and nature-based solutions.

This initiative welcomes schools, centers, student groups, community organizations, and Green Teams to organize events that encourage active engagement. Join workshops, guest speakers, litter clean-ups, community gardening, e-waste drives, live performances, and more.

Some highlights include a rap performance and a conversation about the role of music and indigenous knowledge inspiring climate action with alumna Talon Bazille; the long-running tradition of GreenFest on Friday, April 21; the Creating Carbon Giveaway; outdoor yoga at Penn Park Farm; hands-on workshops to create art from recycled goods; community cleanups; and more.

An Earth Week Events Calendar is posted on the Penn Sustainability website.
The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Community Crime Report
Below are the Crimes Against Persons or Crimes Against Society from the campus report for April 3-9, 2023. Also reported were 24 crimes against property (9 retail thefts, 4 thefts from building, 2 burglaries, 1 auto theft, 1 bike theft, 1 fraud, 1 theft from vehicle, and 5 other thefts) with 2 arrests. Full reports are available at: https://almanac.upenn.edu/sections/crimes Prior weeks’ reports are also online. –Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported to and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of April 3-9, 2023. The University Police actively patrol from Market St to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuykill River to 43rd St 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.

18th District
Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 6 incidents (3 assaults, 2 robberies, and 1 aggravated assault) with 1 arrest were reported for April 3-9, 2023. The 18th District has increased patrols on the Schuylkill River 43rd St and Market St to Woodland Avenue.

04/03/23 06:27 PM 4900 Baltimore Ave Assault
04/03/23 1:55 AM 3600 Market St Robbery
04/07/23 5:50 PM 242 S 49th St Assault
04/08/23 1:55 AM 3600 Market St Aggravated Assault
04/09/23 7:56 PM Locust and 48th Sts Assault/Arrest
04/09/23 8:45 PM 129 S 30th St Robbery

04/03/23 12:35 PM 240 S 40th St Offender scratched complainant’s face
04/04/23 6:36 PM 3600 Spruce St Offender made threats via text message
04/09/23 6:35 PM 3930 Irving St Complainant received a路段 harassing phone call
04/09/23 7:57 PM 129 S 30th St Highway robbery, no weapon, bikes stolen

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Embodied Crises in Pop Performance
nazi, design; (Spanish & Portuguese).
Black Personhood & Black Preservation;
Kenyatta McLean and Chris Rogers, Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights Sites; 5 p.m.; Upper Gallery, Meyerson Hall; register: https://tinyurl.com/mclean-rogers-april-19 (Historic Preservation).
Controlling Phase Separation in Elasto-meric (Myo-), the Production of Micro- and Nano-Structured Materials; Kristi Kieck, University of Delaware; 11:30 a.m.; room 101, Levine Hall (Materials Science & Engineering).
Delivery of Nano-Scale Therapeutics to the Distal Lung Via the Airway; Laura Ferguson PSOM; noon; room 213, Stemmler Hall (Penn-CHOP Lung Biology Institute).
Dutch Cycling Infrastructure Is Amazing! Penn and Philadelphia Could Learn From It; Simon Richter, Germanic Languages and Literatures; noon; Café 58, Irvine Auditorium (Knowledge by the Slice).
The Power of Real-World Data in JLD: Answering Today’s Questions Today; Erica Farrand, University of California San Francisco; noon; room 242, BRB; register: https://tinyurl.com/farrand-talk-april-20 (Leonard Davis Institute).
Intrinsic Mirrors of Adjacent Orbits; Elizabeth Gasparim, University Catolica del Norte; 3:30 p.m.; room 3C4, DRL (Mathematics).
Opportunities and Support for the BME Research Community from NSF; Laurel Kuxhaus, Clarkson University; 3:30 p.m.; Glandt Forum, Singh Center for Nanotechnology (Bioengineering).
Nostalgia de la voz: Derivas de la canción en el Caribe; Licia Fiol-Matta, New York University; 4:30 p.m.; room 543, Williams Hall (Spanish & Portuguese).
Design, Characterization, and Fabrication of Low-Cost, Passive, and Biodegradable Sensors for Precision Agriculture; Gokuland Ian, mechanical engineering & applied mechanics; 10 a.m.; room 212, Moore Laboratory (Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics).
Why was Roe v. Wade Overturned? What History Tells Us; panel of speakers; noon; Living Room, Penn Women’s Center; register: https://tinyurl.com/roevwade-talk-april-21 (History, Penn Reproductive Justice, Penn Association for Gender Equity, Penn Women’s Center, Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies).
Breaking Old Ground, Using New Methods: Generative Potential of the Lagash Archaeological Project; Holly Pittman, history of art; 3:30 p.m.; room B3, Meyerson Hall (History of Art).
Neuronal Excitability Modulated via Calcium-Independent Astrocytic Lipids; Nathan Smith, University of Rochester; noon; auditorium, BRB (Cell & Developmental Biology).
Until We Are Free: Racism, Child Welfare, and the Enduring Promise of Abolition; Alan Dettlaff, University of Houston; 4 p.m.; auditorium, Penn Hillel; register: https://tinyurl.com/dettlaff-talk-april-24 (School of Social Policy & Practice).
Roots of Wisdom; John Kemp, Lakeshore Foundation; 3:30 p.m.; online webinar; register: https://tinyurl.com/kemp-talk-april-24 (Penn Dental).
2023 Penn Relays: April 27-29

The Penn Relays, presented by Toyota, is the world’s first—and most widely recognized—annual relay meet. This year’s event will take place from April 27-29, 2023.

Each year, the event draws crowds of up to 100,000 to the University of Pennsylvania’s historic Franklin Field. Spectators will see some of the world’s top track and field athletes compete. Both athletes and fans hail from all over the country and around the world. There is also an accompanying carnival offering food and souvenirs.

Over the course of the three-day festival, top high school, collegiate, Olympic development, and masters athletes take to Franklin Field for events like the 4 × 400 meter relay, javelin, pole vault, 100-meter dash, mile runs, sprints and more in hopes of bringing home the elusive Penn Relays Wheel.

The Penn Relays’ status as America’s largest amateur track meet goes back to the very first running meet, held in 1895 to stoke flagging student interest in track and field. That event drew 5,000 spectators, the largest audience for a track meet in Philadelphia up to that time.

The relays have played an important role in Philadelphia’s cultural life from their beginning. They were one of few major events that accepted African American competitors, and were one of the high points on the African American social calendar.

For more information about the Penn Relays, including an event schedule and ticketing options, visit https://pennrelays.com/. Single-day and three-day tickets to the Penn Relays can be purchased online.

FAQs

What happens if there is inclement weather?
The Penn Relays is a rain-or-shine event. There is no rain date schedule for the Penn Relays. Please be advised that umbrellas are prohibited from being brought into the venue.

Can I ride the train to the Penn Relays?
Yes, Amtrak offers convenient service to the Philadelphia 30th Street Station, just a few blocks from Franklin Field, the home of the Penn Relays.

Can I take public transportation to the Penn Relays?
Yes, SEPTA offers convenient subway service via the Market-Frankford Line stopping at the 30th Street Station or 34th & Market Streets. The SEPTA Regional Rail has stops at the 30th Street Station or just outside Franklin Field at the Penn Medicine Station. In addition, Franklin Field is served by SEPTA bus routes 21, 40, 42, and 49.

Is youth ticket pricing available?
There is no youth ticket pricing available for the 2023 Penn Relays.

Are group tickets available?
Group tickets will not be available for the 2023 Penn Relays. Elementary, middle, and high schools attending Thursday or Friday of Penn Relays qualify for the School Days discount. Visit the School Days page for more information.

Can I bring my bag into the Penn Relays?
That depends on the size of the bag. Bags must be smaller than 16"x16"x6" and will be subject to a search by security personnel. No large bags, like duffel/equipment bags, or backpacks will be permitted. Exceptions may be made for participants and coaches. All bags are subject to search by security personnel.

Can I bring food into The Penn Relays?
Outside food must be wrapped in clear plastic and fit inside a clear 12" x 6" x 12" bag or clear one gallon freezer bag. There is a limit of one food bag per guest. Large quantities of food items in containers such as pizza boxes or catering trays are prohibited. Concessions stands and food vendors are located throughout the concourse, Carnival Village, and in Penn Park Village. Fans can bring in sealed plastic water bottles, juice boxes, or pouches. Other prohibited items include coolers, glass bottles, cans, and alcohol. Please visit for a full list of permitted and prohibited items.

Is the Penn Relays impacted by COVID-19?
Spectators are not required to show proof of vaccination to gain admission through designated fan entrance gates. Spectators should continue to monitor their health symptoms daily and not attend the 2023 Penn Relays if they are sick. Masks are currently not required to be worn indoors, however spectators are welcome to wear masks both indoors and outdoors as they feel comfortable.