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2025 Perelman School of Medicine Teaching Awards

The Leonard Berwick Memorial Teaching Award

This award was established in 1981 as a memorial to Leonard Berwick by his family and the department of pathology. It recognizes "a member of the medical faculty who in their teaching effectively fuses basic science and clinical medicine." It is intended that this award recognize outstanding teachers, particularly among younger faculty.

Erica Baller is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where she engages in clinical care, research, and didactic teaching. She completed her undergraduate studies in computer science and psychology at Yale, earned a master's degree in physiology from Georgetown, and received her medical degree from Drexel University, where she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She completed her psychiatry residency at Penn, followed by a consultation-



Erica Baller

liaison psychiatry fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital and a neuropsychiatry T32 fellowship at Penn. At HUP, Dr. Baller teaches residents to care for medically ill patients with neuropsychiatric disorders. As PI of the Baller Lab, she focuses on applying neuroimaging methods to study mood, anxiety, and cognition in patients with intracranial diseases, particularly multiple sclerosis. She also serves as director of neuroscience education for the department of psychiatry's residency program. Since her residency, Dr. Baller has been deeply involved with the National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative (NNCI). A 2016 NNCI Scholar, she now serves on its Assessment Task Force and Brain Trust, a leadership group shaping the initiative's vision. Her teaching materials have been used in 178 countries and are now incorporated into primary care training in Canada. She has contributed over 15 educational modules to the NNCI—more than any contributor aside from the founders—and has mentored Penn residents in developing neuroscience teaching materials used internationally.

Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

This award was established by the department of anesthesia in 1984. As a pioneer in the specialty of anesthesia and chair of the department,

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Molly McGlone: Deputy Dean of Undergrad Studies in College of Arts & Sciences

Molly McGlone has been promoted to deputy dean of undergraduate studies in the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. McGlone, who has been at Penn since 2010, most recently served as associate dean and director of academic affairs in the College.

"In her 15 years of outstanding service, Molly has worked in and developed expertise in all areas of the College's core work," said Peter Struck, the Stephen A. Levin Family Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. "I will continue to rely on her sound judgement, boundless energy, and deep commitment to our core mission of advancing the education and intellectual independence of our extraordinary students."

Deputy Dean McGlone will work closely with Dean Struck to develop and advance the College's mission, along with heading up the senior leadership team and overseeing all aspects of the work of the College office. Dr. McGlone said she is excited about the opportunity to take on a bigger role and bring into the po-



Molly McGlone

sition the experience and knowledge she has gained from her time at Penn.

"I have truly learned a lot from students and colleagues over the years, not only about how to work together to address unforeseen challenges, but also how to creatively envision new ways of asking questions, organizing our work together, or figuring out how to learn across differences," Dr. McGlone said. In the new role, she hopes to work with the College's interdisciplinary programs and departments to "leverage the relationships, creativity, and dedication of our staff and faculty to help us strengthen and support undergraduate education."

A scholar of music, Dr. McGlone earned her doctorate in musicology from the University of Wisconsin, where she also served as assistant director of the letters and science honors program for three years. Her tenure at Penn's College of Arts & Sciences began as assistant dean for academic advising and as a faculty fellow at Fisher Hassenfeld College House.

Dr. McGlone was named associate director and assistant dean for academic affairs in 2017, and was promoted to associate dean and director of academic affairs in 2021. In those roles, she proved critical in supporting student success and shaping academic policy. She has also taught freshman seminars about music and urban space, advocated for community engagement in the arts, and supported service work for Penn students.

Celeste Wallander: Executive Director of Penn Washington

Provost John L. Jackson Jr. and Vice Provost for Global Initiatives Ezekiel Emanuel have announced that Celeste A. Wallander will join the University of Pennsylvania as the inaugural executive director of Penn Washington, effective June 1.

Dr. Wallander will be responsible for the programmatic leadership and operational management of Penn Washington, working to fulfill Penn's academic mission and bridge Penn research with policy discussions on a broad range of issues. Vice Provost Emanuel will continue to support Penn Washington as its inaugural faculty director, and Amy Gadsden, associate vice provost for global initiatives, will continue to serve as its deputy director.

Dr. Wallander brings to Penn Washington two decades of experience working at the highest levels of the federal government and three decades of experience in academic research and policy engagement. From February 2022 to January 2025, she served as assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs at the Department of Defense, where she advised on all aspects of defense and security policy related to Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Before this role, she served as a special assistant to the president and senior director for Russia and Central Asia on the National Security Council (2013-2017) and deputy assistant secretary of defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia policy (2009-2012).

Dr. Wallander has also held faculty positions at Harvard University, American University, and Georgetown University and has advised on Russia and Eurasia policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. She was president and CEO of the U.S. Russia Foundation from 2017 to 2022 and founded the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, which continues today as a network of more than 140 academics around the world who are advancing innovative research on security and geopolitics related to Russia and Eurasia.

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From the Faculty Senate Office

The following agenda is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Any member of the standing faculty may attend SEC meetings and observe. Questions may be directed to Patrick Walsh, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943 or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 3–5 p.m. EDT

1. Report from the Tri-Chairs
2. Finalize SEC Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2025
3. Call for 2025–2026 University Council Steering Committee Representatives
4. Senate Committee Reports
 - Senate Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty
 - Senate Committee on Students and Educational Policy
 - Senate Committee on Faculty Development, Diversity, and Equity
 - Senate Committee on Faculty and the Academic Mission
5. Recommendations for the SEC Agenda for 2025–2026
6. New Business
7. Appreciation for Outgoing Past Chair Vivian Gadsden and Welcome and Introduction of 2025–2026 Chair-Elect
8. Passing the Gavel
9. Adjournment of Meeting

April 30 University Council Meeting Coverage

The April 30, 2025 meeting of the University Council took place in the Hall of Flags at Houston Hall. President J. Larry Jameson thanked the council for its service this year. He noted that despite recent federal challenges, Penn remains committed to protecting its mission, its academic values, and its people, and wants to continue to ensure that all members of the community can fully engage in campus life. He also commended Melissa Wilde, professor of sociology in the School of Arts & Sciences, for her service on the occasion of her last meeting as University Council moderator.

Dr. Wilde asked the Council for corrections to the April 2 meeting minutes and took note of one correction. She asked for submissions of possible focus issue presentations for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Council heard year-end reports of the University Council committees. Presenters included:

- Kathleen Brown (Committee on Committees)
- Olivia Mitchell (Personnel Benefits)
- William Burke-White (Academic & Related Affairs)
- Louis Rulli (Diversity & Equity)
- Rashida Ng (Facilities)
- Vincent Reina (Campus & Community Life)
- Lisa Bellini (Open Expression)

The full reports of these committees can be found in this week's *Almanac* supplement.

Sigal Ben-Porath, MRMJJ Presidential Professor in the Graduate School of Education and co-chair of Penn's Open Expression Task Force, gave an update on the work of the task force. Its primary charge during the 2024–2025 academic year was to review Penn's Guidelines on Open Expression, which were last updated in 1969. [Temporary guidelines](#) are currently in place. Dr. Ben-Porath described the three prongs of Penn's open expression process: the guidelines,

Pursuant to the Faculty Senate Rules, formal notification to members may be accomplished by publication in Almanac. The following is published under that rule.

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Iwan Barankay, Chair, Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Senate Nominations 2025 (Part One)

In accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules, official notice is given of the Senate Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for the incoming Senate Officers. The nominees, all of whom have indicated their willingness to serve, are:

Chair-elect:

Roy Hamilton (PSOM/Neurology)

Secretary-elect:

Seema Bhatnagar (PSOM/Pediatrics)

At-Large Members of the Senate Executive Committee
to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:

Jessa Lingel (Annenberg)

Senate Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty
to serve a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2025:

Michael Gottfried (GSE)

Alex Rees-Jones (Wharton/BEPP)

Also in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules, you are invited to submit additional nominations, which shall be accomplished via petitions containing at least twenty-five valid names and the signed approval of the candidate. All such petitions must be received no later than fourteen days after circulation of the nominees of the Nominating Committee by email to the Faculty Senate, senate@pobox.upenn.edu, or Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Under the same provision of the rules, if no additional nominations are received, the slate nominated by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected.

The remaining slate of nominees will be published in a future edition of *Almanac*.

Celeste Wallander: Executive Director of Penn Washington

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"Dr. Wallander brings deep experience to Penn and Penn Washington at a critical moment," said Provost Jackson. "Her wide expertise in shaping foreign policy and building programs and institutions will be invaluable as we expand the work of Penn Washington in the years ahead."

"We are fortunate that Celeste will build Penn's program in Washington and are excited about this important new chapter for the University," Vice Provost Emanuel said. "Celeste will make the University more engaged in helping to address the world's most pressing problems—key ideals of *In Principle and Practice*."

In June 2024, Penn President J. Larry Jameson and Provost Jackson announced the creation of Penn Washington as Penn's programmatic and physical presence in the nation's capital ([Almanac June 18, 2024](#)). As executive director of Penn Washington, Dr. Wallander will work closely with Penn's academic community—including schools, centers, faculty, staff, and students—to connect research and policy, establish and expand partnerships, develop educational programming, and strengthen connections between Penn Washington and Penn's campus in Philadelphia.

"I am excited to join the University of Pennsylvania to advance the public service mission inherent in education," said Dr. Wallander. "Penn Washington will be a resource and partner for current and future U.S. leaders navigating our complex world by connecting them to Penn faculty who are tackling these very same challenges in their research and seeking the answers we need."

Dr. Wallander received a PhD and master's degree in political science from Yale University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Northwestern University.

From the Office of the Secretary

May 15 Trustees Agenda

On Thursday, May 15, 2025, there will be meetings of the Penn Board of Trustees.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

- 10:15–11:30 a.m.—Budget & Finance Committee
- 2–2:15 p.m.—Public meeting of the Executive Committee

The agenda will be posted at <https://secretary.upenn.edu/trustees-governance/open-trustee-meeting>. Please contact the Office of the University Secretary at (215) 898-7005 or ofcsec@pobox.upenn.edu with questions regarding Trustee meetings.

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ment 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.

Award recipient Robert Roses is a professor of surgery. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1997 and from Tufts Medical School in 2003. He completed his surgical residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and his surgical oncology fellowship training at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He has been a member of the surgical faculty at Penn since 2012.

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 an 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.

Chadwick Johr is an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine, where he serves as the director of the Penn Sjögren's Center, an associate program director of the Penn-CHOP combined residency program in internal medicine and pediatrics, and one of six Measey preceptors (a longitudinal role in which he teaches medicine and doctoring skills to medical students). Dr. Johr

attended Penn State University for his undergraduate and medical studies, then moved on to Brown University to complete his combined residency training in internal medicine and pediatrics before a brief stint as a hospitalist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He then completed an adult rheumatology fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where he remained as a member of the faculty for two years. In 2011 Dr. Johr joined the rheumatology faculty at Penn. Dr. Johr served on the Sjögren's Foundation Board of Directors from 2017 to 2021 and is a two-time Penn Pearls awardee. He revels in teaching learners practical skills in both the inpatient and outpatient settings, with a strong preference for chalk-talks over PowerPoint.

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 differ-



Robert Roses

ent departments in the area of substance abuse.

Judy Chertok is an associate professor and director of addiction medicine in the department of family medicine and community health at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Chertok earned her undergraduate degree from Brown University in 2003 and her medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2007. She completed her residency and chief residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital in 2010. After spending six years as the associate program director of family medicine, she started the Fellowship in Addiction Medicine in 2023 and serves as its program director. She is a family medicine and addiction medicine specialist and maintains an active practice at Penn Family Care, Prevention Point Philadelphia, and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. She initiated and continues to lead the medication for opioid use disorder program at Penn Family Care and co-founded the addiction consult service at Penn Medicine. She also works with Prevention Point Philadelphia in the mobile overdose surge bus program to provide mobile community outreach, including harm reduction services and addiction care in communities throughout Philadelphia. She has developed educational programs in addiction medicine for fellows through the fellowship in addiction medicine; for residents, including a robust experiential curriculum in family medicine including community work; for medical students, including a now-universal shadowing program in outpatient addiction medicine and an elective on the consult service; and for practicing physicians through her work providing continuing medical education (CME) in opioid use disorder.

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.

Mona Al Mukaddam received her medical degree from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon and her master's degree in translational research from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also completed her endocrinology fellowship. She is an associate professor in the departments of medicine and orthopaedic surgery, and she directs the Penn Bone Center, which is based in the division of



Judy Chertok

endocrinology. Under her leadership, the Penn Bone Center serves as a comprehensive educational resource for learners at all levels, including patients, nurses, pharmacists, medical students, residents, and fellows. Dr. Al Mukaddam's commitment to teaching has been recognized with the Edward Rose Teaching Award, which she received twice, in 2017 and in 2021. She is a world-renowned expert in fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP) and is the principal investigator on industry-sponsored clinical trials in FOP, which led to the first and only FDA approved treatment for FOP. She is a founding member of the International Clinical Council (ICC) on FOP, which was established to consolidate a global voice and publish guidelines for the best practices for clinical care and research in FOP. She has received the Radiant Hope Foundation Clinician Scientist Award in FOP and is involved in the development of CME programs at the Clinical Endocrinology Update, at the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), and at various nonprofit organizations.

Ashok Linganna is an associate professor of medicine and an academic hospitalist in the Perelman School of Medicine. He came to Penn in 2015 after completing his internal medicine residency and chief residency at the University of California, Irvine and obtaining his medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine. Since arriving at Penn, he has focused his energy on the needs of undergraduate and graduate learners. He currently serves as the co-director of the sub-internship for internal medicine and the associate director of undergraduate medical education in the Perelman School of Medicine. Recently, he has taken on roles relating to psychological safety as the head of the wellness group in the division of hospitalist medicine and as a pathway mentor for students matriculating into internal medicine residencies. He obtained his master's degree in medical education from Penn in 2018 and has won multiple institutional awards for his educational skills.

Elizabeth Moore is an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry. She graduated from Harvard College in 2009 with a degree in human evolutionary biology and attended medical school at Penn, then completed her psychiatry residency at UCLA. During her residency, she was a resident informaticist and chief resident of medical education. She has published research on social determinants of health and graduate medical education, including a curriculum for psychiatry residents who are caring for people experiencing homelessness



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and a wellness initiative in a homeless clinic that is staffed by interprofessional trainees. She then stayed at UCLA for the National Clinician Scholars Program, during which she completed her master of health policy and management and pursued quality improvement and research projects focused on homelessness and serious mental illness. Her first attending job was at the VA in West Los Angeles. In 2022, she moved back to Philadelphia and became an inpatient psychiatrist on the Spruce 6 floor at Pennsylvania Hospital, where she leads the QI curriculum for the psychiatry residents. She is also the medical director of quality improvement in the department of psychiatry. In 2024, she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society by her medical students. She loves discussing the complexities of mental illness, the healthcare system, patient preferences, and social determinants of health with medical students.

Jennifer Olenik practices at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center as an academic hospitalist and at HUP as a palliative care attending physician. She also serves two roles in PSOM—as co-director of the internal medicine sub-internship and as the direct patient care curriculum director of CARE-7, PSOM's novel four-year palliative care curriculum, which she helped create, implement, and evaluate. Dr. Olenik is passionate about helping students and residents become the best doctors they can be, focusing on skillful communication, clinical reasoning, and patient-centered humanistic care. She has translated her unique dual clinical training into a medical education career focused on advanced communication skills for trainees across the undergraduate and graduate curricula. On clinical service, her learners celebrate her efficient, yet effective use of the Socratic method to facilitate clinical reasoning reflection, as well as her use of spaced repetition to reinforce on-the-fly teaching. Dr. Olenik earned her medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency, chief residency, and palliative medicine fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco.

Colin Quinn received his medical degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency training in neurology at Penn. Subsequently, he completed his fellowship training in neuromuscular neurology at Brigham and Women's/Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After completing his fellowship, he served as a clinical instructor and research fellow at the University of Massachusetts, where he worked to design and perform clinical trials



Jennifer Olenik



Colin Quinn

for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). He returned to Penn as a faculty member in 2014. Dr. Quinn has won awards for his teaching as a neurology resident and, twice, as a faculty member at Penn. He led the creation of the Philadelphia VA ALS clinic, which provides care for veterans with ALS throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The neurology department has expanded its resident and neuromuscular fellow rotations at the VA specifically to allow students to work with Dr. Quinn. His enthusiastic and compassionate approach has raised the bar for neurological care and teaching within the VA medical center and beyond.

Anna Weiss is an associate professor of clinical pediatrics in the Perelman School of Medicine and an attending physician in the division of emergency medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

Dr. Weiss received her BA in history and literature from Harvard University and an MSc in Russian and East European studies at Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She received her MD from the Perelman School of Medicine and later her MSEd in medical education at Penn's Graduate School of Education. Dr. Weiss completed her residency and chief residency in pediatrics and her fellowship training in pediatric emergency medicine at CHOP. She has held numerous roles in medical education at CHOP and Penn, including as associate director of education and director of research in education in the CHOP division of emergency medicine, as associate program director of the CHOP pediatric residency program, and as an academic director of the master's program in medical education at Penn GSE. She directs and co-founded the Center for Leadership and Innovation in Medical Education (CLIME) at CHOP.

Her research focuses on the critical role of psychological safety in the clinical learning environment and on the importance of trainee and supervisor identities in shaping trainee outcomes. Colleagues note that "[Dr. Weiss'] personal vision to transform medical education in a manner that is sensitive to the psychological safety of learners will undoubtedly shape the next generation of physicians at a pivotal moment of healthcare across the country." One trainee wrote, "What I think is most unique about Dr. Weiss's talents is how she is not only an excellent clinician, but also unusually adept at imparting life lessons and coaching on interpersonal relationships and communication that benefit people in both clinical and non-clinical environments. She provides incredible mentorship on how to balance a happy life outside the hospital with [a] clinical career."

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, and emergency medical technicians). The recipient is selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.



Anna Weiss

Tanner Katz is a psychiatric nurse practitioner at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He splits his clinical time at CHOP between the medical behavioral unit and the behavioral health integrated program's consultation and liaison service. Mr. Katz obtained his undergraduate bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh and subsequently earned his master of science in psychiatric-mental health nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. Before coming to CHOP, Mr. Katz started his nurse practitioner career working at an outpatient psychiatric practice based in Abington, Pennsylvania. Mr. Katz since been a psychiatric nurse practitioner at CHOP for the past three and half years. While at CHOP, he has been nominated for a Daisy Award for Excellence in Nursing and CHOP's Advanced Practice Provider of the Year Award. Mr. Katz's areas of clinical interest include diagnosis and treatment of first episode psychosis and management of pediatric catatonia.



Tanner Katz

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.

Joshua Baker is an associate professor of rheumatology and epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania and the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, where he cares for patients with rheumatic diseases and conducts research focused on identifying and addressing modifiable risk factors to improve clinical care. He directs the Introduction to Epidemiology course for first-year medical students and has taught in the "MDTI" course for the past 12 years. Dr. Baker also mentors students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty in both research and career development. He finds teaching and mentorship to be among the most rewarding aspects of his work and deeply values the privilege of serving in these roles—especially in an environment that recognizes and supports their impact.



Joshua Baker

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.

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Nathan L'Etoile graduated in 2016 with a degree in biology from Saint Joseph's University, where he developed a deepening curiosity about microbiology. He received his medical degree from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, where he served on the committee overseeing the transition to a new curriculum at the medical college. Dr. L'Etoile was inspired by the culture of learning he found while teaching in infectious diseases, and he carried that spirit into his residency at CHOP, educating junior residents and medical students about infectious disease. A rewarding part of his job is educating fellow clinicians and students on infection prevention, expansion of access to vaccines, and the recognition and management of vaccine-preventable illnesses. Dr. L'Etoile has given lectures and small group lessons to undergraduate students, medical students, pediatrics residents, and residents at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been recognized with the Senior Resident Teaching Award and the William Potash Fellow Teacher of the Year Award by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Learning from and educating his peers has been one of the chief joys of his medical career.



Nathan L'Etoile

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 creation of new and innovative educational programs. The senior vice dean for medical education, Suzanne Rose, in consultation with the Teaching Awards Selection Committee, selects faculty who have made unique contributions and demonstrated exceptional support and innovative planning across all educational programs.

Dr. Rose is proud to present this award to the inaugural Undergraduate Medical Education Leadership Team (UMELT) in recognition of their resilience, innovative spirit, and exceptional support of Perelman School of Medicine students during COVID and other challenging times.

DaCarla Albright is the associate dean for student affairs and wellness and a professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the Perelman School of Medicine. As an undergraduate at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Albright completed a dual degree in biology and French, then completed a master's degree in French there. Dr. Albright received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, followed by a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. She has been a practic-



DaCarla Albright

ing academic obstetrician and gynecologist for nearly 25 years. As a member of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, her academic interests are strongly focused on medical education, formerly serving as the associate clerkship director for the core clinical ob/gyn clerkship at the Perelman School of Medicine. In 2019, before her appointment in Penn's division of student affairs, Dr. Albright was appointed to serve as its assistant dean for wellness. As a result of her excellence in teaching and her empathetic approach to medical care, Dr. Albright was awarded a Perelman School of Medicine Penn Pearls Teaching Award in 2017 and a Gold Humanism Honor Society Faculty induction in 2018. She was a 2021 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (AOA) faculty inductee and became a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia the same year. Dr. Albright has been recognized annually since 2018 as a Philadelphia Top Doc and as one of Castle Connolly's Exceptional Women in Medicine. Dr. Albright currently serves as a member of the department of ob/gyn faculty and resident wellness committees, and is passionate about physician wellness and professional development.

Nadia Bennett is an associate professor of clinical medicine and an academic hospitalist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. She also serves as the associate dean of the clinical and health systems sciences curriculum at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Bennett earned her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree from the University of Maryland, and then completed her residency in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center. Her academic focus is undergraduate medical education, with particular interests in curriculum development, health systems sciences, clinical reasoning, and bedside teaching. From 2013 to 2019, she served as the internal medicine clerkship director before assuming her current leadership role. She also serves as director of the clerkship practicum and associate director of the Introduction to Health Systems Sciences course. She has won numerous teaching awards during her tenure at Penn, including the Provost's Award, Penn Pearls Award, Blockley-Osler Teaching Award, and Maurice Attie teaching award. She has also been inducted into AOA, the PSOM Minority Hall of Fame, and the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Anna Delaney is the chief operating officer of undergraduate medical education and holds a BS in psychology from Saint Joseph's University and an MBA from West Chester University. With over two decades of experience in academic operations, Ms. Delaney oversees human resources, facilities, and financial management for the Academic Programs Office. She has played a key role in major institutional initiatives, including curriculum reform, implementation of digital learning platforms, and the



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development of simulation and standardized patient programs. Previously, Ms. Delaney served as chief administrative officer and director of the curriculum office, where she led scheduling, educational support, and strategic initiatives that improved the efficiency and consistency of medical education delivery.

Horace DeLisser is a professor of medicine in the pulmonary, allergy and critical care division of the department of medicine and the Perelman School of Medicine's associate dean for community engagement, networking, and enrichment. He has been deeply involved for a number of years in advancing medical student, resident, fellow and faculty presence and opportunity at Penn. Additionally, he has developed and overseen the professionalism and humanism curriculum in PSOM. In these roles, he has implemented innovative approaches for the teaching of relational medicine, social medicine, and the medical humanities as well as for promoting a community of excellence at Penn.

C. Jessica Dine is an associate professor in the division of pulmonary, allergy, and critical care and associate dean of assessment, evaluation, and medical education research at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Dine's clinical focus is on consultative pulmonary medicine. Her education role focuses on learner assessment and evaluation, faculty evaluation, and program evaluation across the medical education continuum. Dr. Dine received her medical training at Perelman School of Medicine and subsequently completed her residency, chief residency, and pulmonary fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She received a master of health policy research during her fellowship training.

Dennis Dlugos is a professor of neurology and pediatrics in the Perelman School of Medicine; associate dean for the science and discovery curriculum at PSOM; and director of the epilepsy program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his MD from Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. He went on to complete his internship in pediatrics at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; a residency in neurology/child neurology at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.



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ter and CHOP; and his fellowship in epilepsy at CHOP. Dr. Dlugos is an international leader in translational epilepsy therapeutics, a field that has progressed due to advances in neurogenetics, neurompharmacology, neurophysiology, neuroimmunology, and clinical trial design, and he uses this cutting-edge experience when designing curricula and teaching at PSOM. Articles authored or co-authored by Dr. Dlugos have been published in *Neurology*, *Annals of Neurology*, *Lancet Neurology*, *Epilepsia*, *Lancet*, *Nature*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and other journals. Dr. Dlugos has received NIH and other research funding since 2001 and has helped train more than 30 pediatric epilepsy fellows. He has lectured extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, South America, and Asia.

Jennifer Kogan graduated summa cum laude with a BA in psychology from the University of Michigan in 1991, where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated from Penn's School of Medicine in 1995. She then completed her internship and residency in internal medicine and a general internal medicine clinician-educator fellowship at Penn. She remained at Penn as a faculty member and became a professor of medicine in 2016. Dr. Kogan serves as the senior associate dean for undergraduate medical education in the Perelman School of Medicine. In this role, she helps oversee all aspects of the undergraduate medical education program, including curriculum and assessment. Her prior roles at Penn have included clerkship director of the internal medicine clerkship, director of undergraduate medical education in the department of medicine, assistant dean of faculty development, and associate dean of student success and professional development. She is the founder and director of the Measey Medical Education Fellowship at Penn and founder and director of the PSOM medical education area of concentration, and she founded and directed the Perelman School of Medicine's primary care pathway program. Dr. Kogan is a general internist who sees patients and preceptor students in her office. Dr. Kogan's research is focused on assessment in medical education, particularly feedback, competency assessment, and developing and assessing the effectiveness of new approaches for faculty development in workplace-based assessment. She is a national leader in medical education; she previously served as president of Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM) and served on the board of directors of the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine. She collaborated for more than 10 years with the Accreditation Council for Grad-



Dennis Dlugos

uate Medical Education (ACGME), conducting research focused on rater training faculty development, and has regularly taught in the ACGME's assessment course for residency and fellowship program directors. She is also a mentor with the National Board of Medical Examiners SEEF Fellowship Program and is on the research advisory board of Intealth. Dr. Kogan was a recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2017 and was inducted into the Penn Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2022.

Jon Morris is the Ernest F. Rosato–William Maul Measey Professor of Surgical Education and vice chair of education in the department of surgery at the Perelman School of Medicine.

A graduate of Saint Joseph's University (summa cum laude, 1979) and Georgetown University School of Medicine (1983), Dr. Morris completed his surgical training at Case Western Reserve University and a research fellowship at Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Dr. Morris has dedicated his career to surgical education, serving as program director of the general surgery residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (2003–2018) and as associate dean for student affairs at the Perelman School of Medicine (2005–2020). A past president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery, he is also a ten-time *Philadelphia Magazine* "Top Doc" and the recipient of numerous awards for teaching excellence, including the Lindback Award, the Blockley-Osler Award, and the Dripps Memorial Award. In recognition of his enduring impact, the department of surgery established the Jon B. Morris Faculty Teaching Award in 2021. He currently serves as director of the Center for Surgical Health, continuing his commitment to mentorship, equity, and clinical education.

The late Judy A. Shea was a member of the division of general internal medicine and the department of medicine and was associate dean for assessment and medical education research in the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Shea earned a BS in psychology from Kearny State College, an MS in family and human development from Utah State University, and a PhD in human development and family studies from Pennsylvania State University. She went on to build a distinguished career at Penn Medicine, where she ultimately became the Leon Hess Professor of Medicine in the division of general internal medicine. Dr. Shea received numerous prestigious honors throughout her career. At Penn, she was awarded the Special Dean's Award (2007), the FOCUS Award for the Advancement of Women in Medicine (2009), the Arthur K. Asbury Out-

standing Faculty Mentor Award (2018), and the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2020). Nationally, she was recognized with the Society of General Internal Medicine Career Achievement in Medical Education Award (2011), the Hubbard Award from the National Board of Medical Examiners (2011), the AAMC NEGEA Distinguished Educator Award (2016), and the AAMC Merrell Flair Award (2018). Throughout her career, Dr. Shea was deeply committed to mentoring faculty and fellows in designing and executing impactful research projects. Her work focused on psychometric evaluation tools and the development of measures assessing aspects of health, including health literacy, patient satisfaction, and quality of life. She was widely regarded as the Perelman School of Medicine's expert in quantitative survey research and qualitative methods, including focus groups and interviews. Her contributions were instrumental in Penn's leadership in medical education research.

Neha Vapiwala earned her undergraduate degree with a double major in biology and Hispanic studies from Johns Hopkins University, then taught high school science and algebra for a year before coming to the Perelman School of Medicine as a 21st Century Scholar.

She completed her residency training at Penn, serving as chief resident before joining the faculty. Dr. Vapiwala is currently the Eli Glatstein Professor in Radiation Oncology and vice chair of education in the department of radiation oncology, and associate dean of admissions at the Perelman School of Medicine. She specializes in the management of patients with genitourinary (GU) cancers, serving as the department's first chief of GU oncology. Her research interests focus on biological and technological improvements in radiation therapy, and she has led multiple prospective clinical trials. Dr. Vapiwala also holds leadership positions in multiple societies and committees, including the NCI Prostate Cancer Task Force, the *JAMA Oncology* editorial board, and the ECOG-ACRIN cooperative trial group. Dr. Vapiwala is also president-elect of the American Society for Radiation Oncology and an elected member of the nominating committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. In addition to her work in GU oncology, Dr. Vapiwala is a recognized leader in undergraduate and graduate medical education. She previously served as president of the Association of Directors of Radiation Oncology Programs and as chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's Residency Review Committee for Radiation Oncology.

The Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award

The Michael 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.

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Jennifer Kogan



Neha Vapiwala



Judy Shea

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This year's recipient of the Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award is Akiva S. Cohen, a professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine. Dr. Cohen serves on the academic review committee, which is the primary body that advises first- and second-year students, helps students find the best courses for their schedules, and assists them in finding the perfect lab to begin their research. Many students turn to Dr. Cohen for advice and mentorship. In addition, his enthusiasm and commitment to his research trainees and his holistic approach to mentee success set his mentorship apart. His approach and philosophy align with the mentoring values of BGS that Dr. Nusbaum established during his time as director.



Akiva Cohen

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 and her dedication to the biomedical graduate studies (BGS) programs.

This year's recipient of the Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award is Kurt Engleka, an adjunct assistant professor of cell and developmental biology.



Kurt Engleka

Dr. Engleka's leadership role and persistent efforts in the design and delivery of the foundational BGS core course, BIOM 6000 Cell Biology, has made the course one of the best-designed courses in the BGS curriculum. His efforts to not only deliver this content in a way that prepares graduate students for their research careers, but also to incorporate the concepts of rigor, reproducibility and experimental design, set the stage for success for BGS students taking this course. His dedication to these efforts exemplifies the type of scientist/educator that Jane Glick represented.

Add the Academic Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

To add Penn's summer 2025 term, the 2025-2026 academic calendar, or other academic year calendars to your personal calendar, please visit <https://almanac.upenn.edu/penn-academic-calendar> and click the relevant Add to Calendar buttons.

There will be an option to download it to Apple, Google, Office 365, Outlook, Outlook.com, or Yahoo calendars.

Honors & Other Things

Lapis Cohen: STARS Virginia Boucher Distinguished ILL Librarian Award

The American Library Association recently awarded Lapis Cohen, a library specialist in resource sharing at the Penn Libraries, the STARS Virginia Boucher Distinguished ILL Librarian Award. The award, sponsored by OCLC, "recognizes an individual for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to interlibrary loan and document delivery."

The award committee stated, "Lapis Cohen's decades-long career in resource sharing has brought so much value to our community. He is innovative and forward-thinking, and his numerous publications, presentations, and projects have international reach. We are thrilled to honor Lapis with this year's Boucher Award."



Lapis Cohen

Barbershop Books: \$250,000 Barry & Marie Lipman Family Prize

Barbershop Books has been named the grand prize winner of the 2025 Barry & Marie Lipman Family Prize. Chosen from approximately 150 applicants around the globe, Barbershop Books is the first community-based model committed to addressing literacy disparities with culturally responsive solutions. Founded in 2013, Barbershop Books has served over 15,000 children annually through its network of over 260 barbershops.

As the 2025 grand prize winner, Barbershop Books will receive \$250,000 in unrestricted funds while additional winners Bleaglee and Technovation will receive \$150,000. Each organization will also receive executive training and support from the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. The 2025 winners were celebrated at the 14th annual Lipman Family Prize Award Ceremony, held in Philadelphia on April 24.

Lipman Family Prize founder Barry Lipman said, "This year's winners exemplify what we look for in Lipman organizations—solutions that are grounded in community, fueled by innovation, and poised for growth. Barbershop Books, Bleaglee, and Technovation are tackling complex challenges with creativity and care, and we're thrilled to support their continued leadership."

"The Barbershop Books team is honored to join the Lipman Family Prize network of impactful, global changemakers," said Alvin Irby, Barbershop Books founder and executive director. "Winning the Grand Prize is a testament to the tireless efforts of our team, the commitment of our program partners, and the inspiration we draw daily from the young readers we serve. The \$250,000 award—and partnership opportunities with Wharton and the University of Pennsylvania—will help sustain our community-based programming and fuel our pioneering work inspiring Black boys and other vulnerable children to identify as readers."

First awarded in 2012, the Lipman Family Prize is an annual global prize that advances creative solutions by inspiring people to think together in new ways. Administered by the Wharton School on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania, the prize is committed to resourcing and connecting changemakers to bring innovative ideas to new places and problems around the world.

Eva Del Soldato and Sean Burkholder: 2025-2026 Rome Prize

The American Academy in Rome has awarded Eva Del Soldato, an associate professor in the department of Francophone, Italian, and Germanic studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, and Sean Burkholder, an associate professor of landscape architecture in the Weitzman School of Design, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Rome Prize, two of 35 total awarded this year.

Dr. Del Soldato's project is called "Lovesickness in the Forgotten Centuries" and investigates medical writing on lovesickness produced in the Italian peninsula after the Council of Trent. Mr. Burkholder is receiving the prize to support his work on lake-based storytelling, as part of a future book called *Lakemaker: Surveys, Stories, and Speculations of Held Water*.

The prize equips artists and scholars with the time, space, setting, and colleagues to explore and create while residing at the academy's 11-acre grounds in Rome for up to 10 months, starting in September. Winners are selected annually by juries of artists and scholars through a national competition, which this year received 990 applications from 44 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and 17 other countries.

2024-2025 Graduate Leadership Awards

Penn will honor the following graduate and professional student leaders on Thursday, May 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Graduate Student Center. The Penn community is invited to attend the awards ceremony; RSVP at www.gsc.upenn.edu/events.

President & Provost's Honor for Developing New Initiatives in Graduate & Professional Student Life

- Chloe D. Ricks-Martinez, PhD in Political Science, School of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Andy Binns Award for Outstanding Service to Graduate & Professional Student Life

- Meruyert Bishanova, Master of Science in Education, Graduate School of Education
- Jaydee Edwards, PhD in Earth & Environmental Sciences, School of Arts & Sciences
- VanJessica Gladney, PhD in History, School of Arts & Sciences
- Cassandra Vu, PhD in Chemistry, School of Arts & Sciences
- Joyce Boyi Zhang, Master of Architecture, Weitzman School of Design
- Ziqi Zhou, Master of Science in Social Policy, School of Social Policy & Practice

Each of these honorees has volunteered their time to improve life at Penn for their fellow grad students, and Penn's campus is a better place for their efforts. More information about these students' contributions and the awards can be found at www.gsc.upenn.edu/2025-graduate-leadership-awards.

Division of Public Safety
University of Pennsylvania Police Department Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are the crimes against persons and/or crimes against property from the campus report for **April 21-27, 2025**. The crime 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 (DPS) and contains all criminal incidents reported and made known to the Penn Police, including those reported to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) that occurred within our patrol zone, for the dates of **April 21-27**,

2025. The Penn Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from 30th Street 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 DPS at (215) 898-7297. You can view the daily crime log on the [DPS website](#).

Penn Police Patrol Zone

Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from 30th Street to 43rd Street

Crime Category	Date	Time	Location	Description
<i>Aggravated Assault/Gun</i>	04/25/25	7:15 AM	3800 Locust Walk	Complainant assaulted by BBs from pallet gun; police detained a group of juveniles and released them to their guardians
<i>Assault</i>	04/24/25	4:53 PM	4001 Walnut St	Complainant was assaulted by an unknown male; suspect stopped and identified
	04/26/25	8:53 PM	3909 Spruce St	Offender punched multiple complainants during a verbal altercation/Arrest
<i>Auto Theft</i>	04/21/25	2:11 PM	220 S 33rd St	Secured scooter taken from bike racks
	04/26/25	8:20 AM	3400 Spruce St	Secured e-bike taken from bike rack
<i>Bike Theft</i>	04/22/25	10:44 AM	256 S 37th St	Theft of a secured bicycle from bike racks
	04/27/25	8:35 PM	4201 Walnut St	Unsecured Penn security bicycle taken from outside of location
<i>Burglary</i>	04/21/25	8:52 AM	214 St Marks Sq	Burglary to an unsecured property under renovation
<i>Retail Theft</i>	04/21/25	9:47 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/22/25	10:47 AM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/23/25	1:35 PM	3744 Spruce St	Retail theft of food and candy
	04/23/25	6:09 AM	3744 Spruce St	Retail theft of consumable goods
	04/25/25	10:47 AM	3744 Spruce St	Retail theft
	04/25/25	11:30 AM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/26/25	8:41 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/26/25	4:21 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/26/25	7:18 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	04/26/25	12:15 AM	3744 Spruce St	Retail theft of consumable godos
	04/27/25	7:08 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
<i>Robbery Retail-Gun</i>	04/27/25	12:51 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail robbery by implied firearm/Arrest
<i>Sex Offense</i>	04/26/25	5:08 PM	Confidential	Indecent assault/Arrest
<i>Theft from Building</i>	04/21/25	7:38 PM	119 S 31st St	Package taken from the mailroom area of apartment building
	04/22/25	3:42 PM	4014 Ludlow St	Theft of a package containing a digital camera from apartment lobby
	04/25/25	7:48 PM	231 S 33rd St	Backpack taken from media room
	04/25/25	8:24 PM	233 S 33rd St	Airpods and watch taken from bag
	04/26/25	12:43 AM	3935 Walnut St	Bag containing miscellaneous items taken
	04/27/25	12:11 PM	4239 Baltimore Ave	Theft of a wallet from café checkout counter
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	04/26/25	11:09 AM	200 S 42nd St	Theft of a temporary license plate from parked vehicle
<i>Theft Other</i>	04/23/25	2:34 PM	3600 Walnut St	Theft of a wallet from backpack worn by complainant
	04/24/25	1:06 PM	3100 Walnut St	Theft of multiple running bags containing personal items from softball field
	04/26/25	8:51 PM	233 S 33rd St	Theft of a backpack from Franklin Field spectator seating
<i>Vandalism</i>	04/23/25	9:01 AM	113 S 40th St	Business window vandalized

Philadelphia Police 18th District

Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue

Below are the crimes against persons from the 18th District: 8 incidents were reported for **April 21-27, 2025** by the 18th District, covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

Crime Category	Date	Time	Location
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	04/23/25	5:12 PM	S 47th St & Woodland Ave
<i>Assault</i>	04/24/25	8:59 AM	4832 Hazel Ave
	04/24/25	5:17 PM	4001 Walnut St
	04/25/25	8:31 AM	200 S 38th St
	04/26/25	1:04 PM	3609 Chestnut St
	04/26/25	10:17 PM	4718 Chestnut St
<i>Assault/Arrest</i>	04/26/25	10:10 PM	3901 Spruce St
<i>Robbery/Arrest</i>	04/27/25	12:51 PM	4233 Chestnut St

The Division of Public Safety offers resources and support to the Penn community. DPS has developed a few helpful risk reduction strategies outlined below. Know that it is *never* the fault of the person impacted (victim/survivor) by crime.

- See something concerning? Connect with Penn Public Safety 24/7 at (215) 573-3333.
- Worried about a friend's or colleague's mental or physical health? Get 24/7 connection to appropriate resources at (215) 898-HELP (4357).
- Seeking support after experiencing a crime? Call Special Services (support and advocacy resources) at (215) 898-4481 or email an ad-

- vocate at specialservices@publicsafety.upenn.edu.
- Use the [Walking Escort](#) and [Riding](#) services available to you free of charge.
- Take a moment to update your cell phone information for the [UPennAlert Emergency Notification System](#).
- Download the [Penn Guardian App](#), which can help police better find your location when you call in an emergency.

Update

May AT PENN

FITNESS AND LEARNING

8 *Philadelphia Writing Project's 2025 Youth Writing Festival*; attendees will be able to visit tables run by local writing organizations and youth creators, join workshops to strengthen their writing skills, learn about being a published author, and much more; 5-7 p.m.; Penn Graduate School of Education Building (GSE).

9 *Tea & Tour of Scattered Earth, Sounded Depth*; exclusive behind-the-scenes tour led by Emily Zimmerman, director of exhibitions and curatorial affairs; enjoy a curated selection of teas, refreshments, and great conversation in a relaxed and welcoming setting; 5 p.m.; Arthur Ross Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library; register: <https://tinyurl.com/scattered-earth-tour-may-9> (Arthur Ross Gallery).

Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Unless noted, in-person events at Morris Arboretum & Gardens. Info and to register: <https://www.morrisarboretum.org/see-do/events-calendar>.

8 *Tea Under the Tree*; learn about the botany of tea and create your own blend under the arboretum's lovely katsura tree; 11:30 a.m.

Penn Libraries

Various locations. Info: <https://www.library.upenn.edu/events>.

6 *Fisher Fine Arts Library Lobby Study Breaks*; fuel up with free snacks and unwind with simple crafts like DIY bookmarks, relaxing coloring pages, or mini art projects; 1-3 p.m.; lobby, Fisher Fine Arts Library. *Also May 7 and 8*.

7 *Plushie Maker Event for Penn Veterinary Medicine Students*; event designed to advance veterinary students' fine motor skills in a fun and relaxing social setting; noon; room 221, Hill Pavilion.

Benefits Open Enrollment Ends Friday, May 9

Penn Benefits Open Enrollment will end this Friday, May 9. If you haven't reviewed your health plans, life insurance, and flexible spending accounts for the 2025–2026 plan year, now is the time to do so.

If you participate in a flexible spending account, remember that you must re-enroll in your Health Care and/or Dependent Care FSA to continue participation. If you do not re-elect the coverage for the upcoming plan year, your goal amount from the current plan year will not roll over to the new plan year. You will be defaulted with a \$0 annual goal amount, and you will not be able to enroll in the plan until the next Open Enrollment period unless you have a qualifying life event.

Faculty and Staff

If you are regular full-time faculty and staff or regular part-time and ACA-eligible faculty and staff, visit the [Open Enrollment webpage](#) for detailed information about your benefits options. You can also find details in the [Benefits Enrollment Guide](#) and [Part-Time & ACA Eligible Benefits Enrollment Guide](#).

Postdocs and NRSA Fellows

Postdoctoral researchers and fellows and NRSA fellows eligible for the Penn Postdoc Benefit Plan can find details by visiting the [Postdoctoral Researchers and Fellows webpage](#). Postdocs and NRSA fellows can also re-

12 *Penn's American Revolution(s): A Virtual Tour*; a virtual exploration of *Revolution at Penn?*, an exhibit examining the formation of the University during the American Revolution; noon; online webinar.

13 *Canvas 101 for Faculty and Staff*; will introduce basic Canvas functions that will allow participants to set their profile and notifications, navigate the Canvas interface, and create content for a Canvas site; 11 a.m.; online webinar.

SPECIAL EVENTS

6 *Newly Retired and Emeritus Faculty Celebration*; 4 p.m.; auditorium, Jordan Medical Education Center (Penn Association of Senior & Emeritus Faculty).

11 *Penn Dental Medicine Oral Cancer Walk 2025*; help raise oral cancer awareness by participating in the 17th Annual Walk/5K; 8 a.m.; meet at 40th and Locust; registration: \$35/adults, free/children 10 and under; info: <https://www.dental.upenn.edu/news-events/events/penn-dental-medicine-oral-cancer-walk-2025> (Penn Dental Medicine).

TALKS

6 *The Role of Medicine and Dentistry During the Holocaust and its Contemporary Relevance: Sustaining Our Moral Compass*; Hedy Wald, Brown University; noon; online webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/walk-talk-may-6> (Penn Dental Medicine).

7 *AI at the Crossroads: Ethics, Innovation and Impact*; Chris Callison-Burch, computer & information science; Melissa Kelly, Penn Center for Innovation; Aaron Roth, computer & information science; 2 p.m.; auditorium, Amy Gutman Hall; register: <https://pennengdean.wufoo.com/forms/r4700c50nlbbc2/> (Engineering).

LEGEND: New Results and Future Prospects in the Search for Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay in 76Ge; Jason Detwiler, University of Washington; 3:30 p.m.; room 3W2, DRL (Physics & Astronomy).

Safeguarding Environmental Rights Amid Political Shifts: U.S. and Australian Perspectives; Amy Laura Cahn, Penn Carey Law; Lee Godden, Melbourne Law School; James R. May, Washburn University; Rebekkah Marker-Towler, Melbourne Law School; Hannah Morris, University of Melbourne; 7 p.m.; online webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/eii-umelb> (Environmental Innovations Initiative).

This is an update to the [May AT PENN calendar](#), which is online now. Additional updates to the May calendar are online. To submit events for the monthly AT PENN calendar or weekly calendar updates, email almanac@upenn.edu.

The Summer AT PENN calendar will be published on Tuesday, May 27. Please submit events for the Summer AT PENN calendar by Monday, May 12.

2025 Call for Nominations for Green Purchasing Awards

The call for nominations is now open for Penn's Green Purchasing Awards. The program, now in its ninth year, is held in conjunction with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) Purchasing Subcommittee and Penn Sustainability. This award recognizes any individual and/or team's leading actions that advance the development of sustainable purchasing practices at Penn. This award program is a chance to spotlight those who champion sustainability across campus, as well as to celebrate projects that are contributing to a more sustainable future. [Click here](#) to view the award's past recipients—some of these achievements may inspire you to submit your colleagues' work for consideration.

Visit the [Green Purchasing Award webpage](#) to review the nomination guidelines and information about the submittal process. Nominations will remain open until Thursday, July 31, 2025.

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—Division of Human Resources



2025 Commencement Events

As the undergraduate and graduate classes of 2025 graduate from Penn, there are a wide array of events to celebrate their accomplishments. Listed below is the date, time, and location of each school's individual graduation ceremony, a link to more information about each ceremony, and the names of each ceremony's guest speaker (if applicable).

This information is subject to change. Tickets may be required. For more information, visit <https://commencement.upenn.edu/ceremonies/school-ceremonies>.

School/Program	Date/Time	Location	Link	Speaker
University of Pennsylvania 269 th Commencement	May 19, 10:15 a.m.	Franklin Field	https://commencement.upenn.edu/	Elizabeth Banks, actor, director, producer, and Penn alumna
School of Arts & Sciences			-	
College of Arts & Sciences	May 18, 6:30 p.m.	Franklin Field	https://www.college.upenn.edu/graduation-ceremony	Michael Platt, James S. Riepe University Professor, School of Arts & Sciences, Wharton, and PSOM
Graduate Division, School of Arts & Sciences	May 16, 10 a.m.	Irvine Auditorium	https://pan-school.sas.upenn.edu/index.php/graduate-division/current-students/graduation	Michael E. Mann, Presidential Distinguished Professor, School of Arts & Sciences and Annenberg School
College of Liberal and Professional Studies	May 18, 2 p.m.	Marian Anderson Hall, Kimmel Center, 300 South Broad Street	https://www.lps.upenn.edu/students/graduation	Cecil W. Johnson III, Johnson & Johnson
Fels Institute of Government	May 18, 6:30 p.m.	National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street	https://www.fels.upenn.edu/	Andy Kim, U.S. Senator
Wharton School			-	
Wharton Undergraduate Program	May 18, 9 a.m.	The Palestra	https://graduation.wharton.upenn.edu/	Karen Finerman, Metropolitan Capital Advisors
Wharton MBA Program	May 18, 1 p.m.	The Palestra	https://graduation.wharton.upenn.edu/	Nicolai Tangen, Norges Bank Investment Management
Wharton Doctoral Program	May 16, 9:30 a.m.	Zellerbach Theater, Annenberg Center	https://graduation.wharton.upenn.edu/	
Wharton MBA for Executives	May 17, 10:30 a.m.	Marian Anderson Hall, Kimmel Center, 300 South Broad Street	https://graduation.wharton.upenn.edu/	David Fajgenbaum, Center for Cytokine Storm Treatment & Laboratory and EveryCure
Annenberg School for Communication Doctoral Ceremony	May 19, 1:30 p.m.	Room 110, Annenberg School	https://www.asc.upenn.edu/news-events/events/2025-annenberg-doctoral-graduation-ceremony	
School of Dental Medicine	May 19, 1 p.m.	Irvine Auditorium	https://www.dental.upenn.edu/news-events/events/commencement-2025/	Kenneth R. Ginsburg, CHOP
Stuart Weitzman School of Design	May 17, 6 p.m.	Irvine Auditorium	https://www.design.upenn.edu/gradinfo	Sara Bronin, Cornell University
Graduate School of Education	May 17, 9 a.m.	The Palestra	https://www.gse.upenn.edu	Angela Duckworth, Rosa Lee and Egbert Chang Professor, Psychology
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony	May 16, 3:30 p.m.	World Café Live	https://www.gse.upenn.edu	
School of Engineering and Applied Science			-	
Undergraduate Ceremony	May 17, 2 p.m.	The Palestra	https://events.seas.upenn.edu/commencement/2025-undergraduate-ceremony/	Kristin Houston, L3Harris Technologies
Master's Ceremony	May 16, 2 p.m.	The Palestra	https://events.seas.upenn.edu/commencement/2025-masters-ceremony/	Trisha Kothari, Unit21
Doctoral Ceremony	May 15, 3:30 p.m.	Irvine Auditorium	https://events.seas.upenn.edu/commencement/2025-doctoral-ceremony/	Dafni Bika, AstraZeneca
Penn Carey Law	May 18, 9:30 a.m.	Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad Street	https://www.law.upenn.edu/students/graduation.php	Philip D. Murphy, Governor of New Jersey
Perelman School of Medicine	May 18, 9 a.m.	Marian Anderson Hall, Kimmel Center, 300 South Broad Street	https://www.med.upenn.edu/student/psom-graduation.html	Monica M. Bertagnoli, 17th director of the National Institutes of Health
Biomedical Graduate Studies	May 19, 12:30 p.m.	Harrison Auditorium, Penn Museum	https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/bgs-graduation-2025/	
School of Nursing	May 19, 3 p.m.	Marian Anderson Hall, Kimmel Center, 300 South Broad Street	https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/news-events/annual-events/commencement/	Winifred V. Quinn, AARP Center for Health Equity Through Nursing
School of Social Policy & Practice	May 17, 6:30 p.m.	The Palestra	https://sp2.upenn.edu/academic-resources/#commencement	Linda Goler Blount, Community Catalyst
School of Veterinary Medicine	May 19, 2:30 p.m.	Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center	https://www.vet.upenn.edu/event/veterinary-school-commencement-class-of-2025/	Jasmin Paris, University of Edinburgh