Update on the Work of the University Task Force on Antisemitism and the Presidential Commission on Countering Hate and Building Community

May 30, 2024

To the Penn Community,

This past fall, we established a University Task Force on Antisemitism and a Presidential Commission on Countering Hate and Building Community. Today, I write to share with you their final reports, which can be found online on the task force and commission websites.

First, I want to express my deep gratitude to the members of the task force and the commission for their expansive outreach and for the thoughtful work they have put into these reports. These groups included faculty scholars, students, and staff, as well as former and current Trustees. They conducted dozens of listening sessions, reviewed hundreds of emails, consulted experts within and outside of Penn, produced online surveys, and spent countless hours in discussion with members of the Penn community and with one another. Throughout the process, I know that there were many strongly held beliefs expressed and passionate exchanges, and that these reports are the product of the rigorous, civil, and intellectual debate at the heart of Penn’s excellence.

The thoughtful recommendations contained within these reports offer concrete guidance for actions Penn can and will take now, as well as aspirational goals that will inform our institutional priorities for the future. The reports are both reaffirming and complementary. They contain shared themes, such as affirming Penn’s values and clarifying University policies and reporting, and offer distinct ideas for building community, investing in research and scholarship, and supporting the student experience.

Some of the recommendations in the reports are reflected in work already underway; other elements of implementation lie ahead of us and will benefit from further input as we assess which strategies make sense for Penn. I look forward to working with our Penn community to continue bringing these recommendations to life. We own the implementation process, and the culture it will create, together.

I encourage you to spend some time reading the reports and reflecting on our shared responsibility to cultivate a vibrant community that embraces our missions, acknowledges our differences, models civil discourse, and celebrates our successes so that everyone at Penn can thrive.

—J. Larry Jameson, Interim President

2024 Penn Graduate School of Education Teaching & Service Awards

Awarded to current students, faculty, and staff, the annual Penn GSE Awards recognize outstanding service and commitment to the Penn GSE community. The 2024 honorees are:

The William E. Arnold Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Student

Laronnda Thompson, a student in the human development & quantitative methods PhD program, is a first-generation low-income (FGLI) Scholar. Her research focuses on the developmental effects of literary content and systems division, has interests in advancing education equity through the translation of research to practice. His focus on student-centered, community-engaged education envisions a K-20+ education continuum with a goal of producing competent civic citizens.

At GSE, Dr. McGee serves as the co-director of the Penn Experience Course, an asynchronous course designed to help students get the most out of their Penn experience, inside and outside the classroom, on and off campus. The course helps to prepare students for difficult conversations about racism and other forms of oppression. He is co-founder and manager of the GSE Writing Commons, which supports the culture and practice of academic writing at Penn GSE by creating supportive hybrid spaces to nurture people as writers and by recognizing that identities, cultures, and knowledge-building practices are in

Penn Engineering & Harvard Awarded $12 Million NSF Grant for Sustainable Computing Project

Penn Engineering, together with collaborators at Harvard University, has been awarded $12 million by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) to participate in a groundbreaking, multi-institutional research initiative that aims to lay the foundations for environmentally sustainable computing.

With the rapid growth of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality and sensor systems, the demand for computer systems that offer both scalable performance and environmental sustainability has never been greater. However, despite recent efforts to achieve net zero carbon emissions, the computing industry’s energy usage continues to rise at an alarming rate, outpacing the growth of renewable energy installations.

NSF Expeditions in Computing: Carbon Connect—An Ecosystem for Sustainable Computing will be led by Benjamin Lee, a professor in the departments of electrical & systems engineering and computer & information science at Penn Engineering, and David Brooks, the Halley Family Professor of Computer Science at Harvard’s John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Carbon Connect will redefine the way computer scientists approach environmental sustainability by establishing new standards for carbon accounting in the computing industry, with the aim of influencing future energy policy and legislation.

The project will pursue three main objectives to reduce the carbon footprint of information and communication technology:

- Develop transparent and accurate carbon accounting methods, including standardized protocols for measurement and reporting.
- Focus on creating innovative tools and strategies to reduce computing’s carbon footprint by 45% within the next decade.
- Coordinate the design and management of future computer systems to deliver sustainable performance for artificial intelligence and virtual reality applications.

“We will explore technical solutions to come (continued on page 2)
In accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules, official notice is given of the Senate Nominating Committee’s remaining slate of nominees for the incoming senate officers. Part One of this year’s slate of nominees was published on May 7, 2024. The nominees, all of whom have indicated their willingness to serve, are:

**Secretary-elect:**
- Andrea Duncan (PSOM/Pediatrics)

**At-large Members of the Senate Executive Committee**
- to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:
  - Neeraj Panchal (Dental Medicine)
  - Jennifer Rothman (Law)
  - Sebastián Gil-Riaño (SAS/History and Sociology of Science)
  - André Dombrowski (SAS/History of Art)
  - Allison Hoffman (Law)

**Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility**
- to serve a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2024:
  - Alison Buttenheim (Nursing)
  - André Dombrowski (SAS/History of Art)
  - Sebastian Gil-Riaño (SAS/History and Sociology of Science)
  - Jennifer Rothman (Law)
  - Amanda Shanor (Wharton)

**Senate Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty**
- to serve a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2024:
  - Aislinn Bohren (SAS/Economics)
  - Allison Hoffman (Law)

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 by Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

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

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**Research to Address Healthcare Patients’ Food Insecurities**

Perelman School of Medicine professor and Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics senior fellow Kevin Volpp has become the scientific leader of a new national ten-year, $250 million research and advocacy program designed to find cost effective approaches to improving health through greater access to healthy food for patients with chronic conditions and food or nutrition insecurities (not enough food or unhealthy diets). The initiative is called Health Care by Food (HCXF).

Coordinated by the American Heart Association with support from the Rockefeller Foundation and other funders, HCXF involves more than 100 researchers and members of 25 community-based organizations and food-related companies across the country.

The idea for what became the HCXF research initiative was first publicly announced at the September 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. Subsequently, the Association’s Journal Circulation published “Food Is Medicine: A Presidential Advisory from the American Heart Association,” a paper produced by a team headed by Dr. Volpp. The grant is one of the ways Penn leads on great challenges of our time by addressing the issue of food insecurity with policy and outreach expertise.

Adapted from a Penn Today article by Hoag Levins, May 28, 2024.

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**2024-2025 Board of Trustees Meetings**

**2024**

**Thursday-Friday, June 13-14, 2024**
Spring Full Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**
Executive Committee Meeting
Audit & Compliance Committee Meeting
Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

**Thursday-Friday, November 14-15, 2024**
Fall Full Board Meeting
(Homecoming on Saturday, November 16, 2024; Harvard v. Penn)

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**
Executive Committee Meeting
Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (if needed)

**2025**

**Thursday-Friday, February 27-28, 2025**
Winter Full Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**
Executive Committee Meeting
Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
(Commencement on Monday, May 19, 2025)

**Thursday-Friday, June 12-13, 2025**
Spring Full Board Meeting

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**2024 Graduate School of Education Teaching & Service Awards**

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Hannah Brenneman is a 2015 graduate of the M.S.Ed Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program at Penn GSE. After several years of part-time teaching and program coordination for the educational linguistics (ELX) division and teaching ESL/EFL internationally, she joined Penn GSE as a full-time staff member in October 2021 and is currently the division’s associate director of fieldwork and service learning. Ms. Brenneman facilitates and maintains key academic community partnerships with local, national, and international schools, businesses, and community-based organizations and advises all TESOL and ICC master’s students in their fieldwork, service-learning site placements, and academic requirements. In addition to partnership building and student advising, Ms. Brenneman manages the TESOL mentor program and is the program coordinator of Practical English for Daily Living (PEDAL). ELX’s ESL program that provides hands-on training for TESOL master’s students and free ESL classes for English language learners in Philadelphia and around the world.

Roshonda Scipio is a dedicated advocate and program manager with a strong educational background. She holds a master’s in public health from Temple University and a bachelor of arts in human services from Villanova University. Currently serving as the program manager for the urban teaching residency program at GSE, Ms. Scipio has consistently demonstrated her passion for social justice initiatives and community service throughout her career.

Ms. Scipio assisted in the establishment of the Sheller Center for Social Justice at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law. In this role, she provided crucial support for student clinics, where students represented individual...
bridges between the powerful and the powerless, and accelerates our journey to a more inclusive society.

Ms. Hill explores innovative organizations and learning models that optimize the role of relationships, uses technologies, and engages people as agents in their own transformation. She supports several national education organizations as they work to design and create more inclusive and responsive organizations and learning models.

Ms. Hill’s work is rooted in more than 20 years of experience in public education, education innovation, management consulting, and engineering. She holds a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from the University of Virginia and a master of education in learning and teaching from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She received an additional master of science in administration through New Leaders for New Schools, a principal training fellowship.

Rowan Machalow graduated from GSE in 2020 with research interests in international K-12 math curriculum comparisons. At GSE, they studied alignment and communication between standards and curriculum, teaching for social justice, and preschool education. They have previously taught at the elementary and middle school levels, as well as being a preschool director. They have over 20 years of experience in managing K-12 curriculum development and teacher professional development for major publishing companies, and enjoy bringing this experience to students at GSE through their courses.

Excellence in Teaching Award

Julie E. Wollman, a professor of practice in the policy, organizations, leadership, and systems division, is an experienced higher education leader and a nationally recognized innovator in higher education strategy development. For more than a decade, Dr. Wollman served as the president of Widener University and, before that, as the president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is a former School District of Philadelphia, and a former School District of Philadelphia middle school social studies and English language arts teacher.

The Laurie Wagman Award for Visual and Performing Arts in Education

Meruyert Bizhanova is the graduate assistant for the Office of Equity and Inclusion at Penn GSE. She is pursuing an MSEd in teaching, learning, and educational leadership at the Graduate School of Education, with a pronounced interest in international educational development. Born and raised in Kazakhstan, she completed her bachelor’s degree in biological sciences at Nazarbayev University. During her undergraduate studies, Ms. Bizhanova served as a dedicated student representative across several key decision-making bodies within the university. She also served as a young deputy in the Capital Youth Maslihat of Kazakhstan, where she advocated for educational initiatives, historically marginalized student populations, and those facing financial challenges across the country.

As a co-founder of the Qazaq Khan Academy Project, Ms. Bizhanova aims to instigate positive changes within the international education system, particularly in narrowing the urban-rural education gap. She remains steadfast in her dedication to bridging gaps in educational access and opportunity, particularly for marginalized communities and economically disadvantaged students.

Student Award for Excellence in Promoting Diversity & Inclusion

Adina Goldstein is a doctoral candidate in the teaching, learning and teacher education program at Penn GSE. She holds an EdM from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education and a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on teacher preparation and the experiences of teachers of color during teacher preparation. Ms. Goldstein is a proud Philadelphia native, a graduate of the School District of Philadelphia, and a former School District of Philadelphia middle school social studies and English language arts teacher.

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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 May 20-26, 2024. 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 May 20-26, 2024. 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

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<tr>
<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
<td>05/23/24</td>
<td>4:55 PM</td>
<td>200 S 34th St</td>
<td>Offender brandished a firearm and threatened the complainant</td>
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<td>Assault</td>
<td>05/20/24</td>
<td>8:19 AM</td>
<td>3901 Locust Walk</td>
<td>Complainant struck by known offender during altercation</td>
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<td>Assault-Domestic</td>
<td>05/23/24</td>
<td>10:11 PM</td>
<td>4000 Walnut St</td>
<td>Domestic incident</td>
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<td>Bike Theft</td>
<td>05/21/24</td>
<td>5:24 PM</td>
<td>1 Convention Ave</td>
<td>Secured bike taken from bike rack</td>
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<td>Burglary</td>
<td>05/23/24</td>
<td>1:02 PM</td>
<td>4016 Pine St</td>
<td>Burglary of residence reported by complainant</td>
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<td>Fraud</td>
<td>05/21/24</td>
<td>2:43 PM</td>
<td>2930 Chestnut St</td>
<td>Wallet taken, credit card used</td>
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<td>Other Assault</td>
<td>05/24/24</td>
<td>3:12 PM</td>
<td>4115 Baltimore Ave</td>
<td>Terroristic threats</td>
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<td>Retail Theft</td>
<td>05/21/24</td>
<td>7:02 PM</td>
<td>3604 Chestnut St</td>
<td>Retail theft of consumable goods</td>
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<td>05/21/24</td>
<td>8:00 PM</td>
<td>4233 Chestnut St</td>
<td>Retail theft of alcohol</td>
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<td>05/24/24</td>
<td>8:18 PM</td>
<td>4233 Chestnut St</td>
<td>Retail theft of alcohol</td>
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<td></td>
<td>05/25/24</td>
<td>7:59 PM</td>
<td>3744 Spruce St</td>
<td>Retail theft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robbery</td>
<td>05/20/24</td>
<td>12:51 PM</td>
<td>3741 Walnut St</td>
<td>Retail robbery of electronics</td>
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<td>Theft from Building</td>
<td>05/21/24</td>
<td>6:04 PM</td>
<td>4239 Baltimore Ave</td>
<td>Theft of wallet from purse</td>
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<td></td>
<td>05/23/24</td>
<td>2:51 PM</td>
<td>4007 Pine St</td>
<td>Property taken from inside of basement storage area</td>
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<td></td>
<td>05/24/24</td>
<td>10:21 PM</td>
<td>3400 Spruce St</td>
<td>Theft of purse from break area on 7th floor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Theft from Vehicle</td>
<td>05/24/24</td>
<td>12:17 PM</td>
<td>3700 Civic Center Blvd</td>
<td>Passenger side window broken on three vehicles/items taken</td>
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<td>05/25/24</td>
<td>3:35 PM</td>
<td>300 S 41st St</td>
<td>Catalytic converter stolen from parked vehicle</td>
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<td>Theft Other</td>
<td>05/22/24</td>
<td>7:18 PM</td>
<td>3400 Civic Center Blvd</td>
<td>Secured scooter taken from bike rack</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vandalism</td>
<td>05/20/24</td>
<td>1:33 PM</td>
<td>3401 Grays Ferry Ave</td>
<td>Incident of graffiti on call box</td>
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<td>05/25/24</td>
<td>3:29 PM</td>
<td>3620 Locust Walk</td>
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Philadelphia Police 18th District
Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue

Below are the crimes against persons from the 18th District: 12 incidents were reported for May 20-26, 2024 by the 18th District, covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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<td>300 S Bernard St</td>
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<td>1:57 AM</td>
<td>4435 Ludlow St</td>
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<td>200 Blk S 34th St</td>
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<td>4901 Spruce St</td>
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<td>05/26/24</td>
<td>10:54 AM</td>
<td>4444 Sansom St</td>
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<td>Assault</td>
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<td>8:51 AM</td>
<td>3901 Locust Walk</td>
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<td>05/22/24</td>
<td>10:10 AM</td>
<td>4700 Blk Locust St</td>
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<tr>
<td>Domestic Assault</td>
<td>05/22/24</td>
<td>3:29 PM</td>
<td>S 49th St &amp; Springfield Ave</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indecent Assault</td>
<td>05/22/24</td>
<td>4:53 PM</td>
<td>4900 Blk Springfield Ave</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robbery</td>
<td>05/20/24</td>
<td>10:55 AM</td>
<td>4500 Blk Chestnut St</td>
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<td>05/20/24</td>
<td>1:22 PM</td>
<td>S 38th &amp; Walnut St</td>
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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 (4457).
- Seeking support after experiencing a crime? Call Special Services (support and advocacy resources) at (215) 898-4481 or email an advocate 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 UPenGuardian App, which can help police better find your location when you call in an emergency.
- Access free self-empowerment and defense courses through Penn DPS.
- Stay alert and reduce distractions. (Using cell phones, ear buds, etc. may limit your awareness.)
- Orient yourself to your surroundings. (Identify your location, nearby exits, etc.)
- Keep your valuables out of sight and only carry necessary documents.
Penn Nursing: Reaccredited for 10 Years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Penn Nursing has been reaccredited for the next 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

“Thank you to all who were involved in the many visits and materials provided to our CCNE evaluators,” said Penn Nursing dean Antonia Villanueva. “As you know, being accredited by the CCNE is crucial, as it ensures that nursing programs meet high standards of quality and integrity, which are essential for preparing competent and effective healthcare professionals.”

Penn Nursing has been accredited for the next decade in the following programs:
- Post-graduate APRN certificate program
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program
- Baccalaureate degree program in nursing
- Master’s degree program in nursing

Therese Richmond: Honorary Doctorate from Regents of the University System of Maryland

Therese S. Richmond, the Andrea B. Laporte Professor of Nursing in Penn Nursing, has received an honorary degree of doctor of public service (DrPS) honor from the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland. The honor, conferred during University of Maryland’s School of Nursing’s convocation on May 14, 2024, recognized Dr. Richmond’s extensive research and preeminent role in expanding the field of nursing and the resulting trauma on individuals and communities.

“I am deeply honored to receive this honorary doctorate and thank the Board of Regents for the recognition,” said Dr. Richmond. “Life is fragile and the impact of firearm violence on health and well-being is significant. We can reduce firearm-related harms through rigorous science, partnering with communities who bear the disproportionate burdens of these harms, and respecting differing worldviews.”

Dr. Richmond’s research and scholarship are grounded in understanding and overcoming health inequities experienced by individuals and families living in low-resource and often disenfranchised communities. She is committed to identifying and overcoming structural barriers that led to and reinforce inequities. Dr. Richmond’s research has a dual approach: She works with community partners to examine the impact of living in pervasively violent, low-resource communities on families and rigorously producing data that can be used by agencies to inform programmatic initiatives to reduce inequity and improve health, well-being, and safety. She also has a substantive body of research that focuses on disparate outcomes after serious injury, including PTSD and depression, and identifies modifiable targets that drive disparities seen in the transition to chronic pain after serious injury.

Ottoman Tertuliano: 2024 NSF CAREER Award

Ottman Tertuliano, the AMA Family Assistant Professor in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics at Penn Engineering, is the recipient of a 2024 National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award for his work studying the characteristics of bones and external forces that affect their likelihood of breaking by examining fractures on the nanoscale.

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In order to initiate this work, Dr. Tertuliano and his lab had to first assemble a system that enables them to observe dynamic cracks at the nanoscale in 3D, then they got to work performing experiments with real human bone from organ donors and those received from collaborating biologists and surgeons working with patients undergoing total joint replacements.

Funding from the NSF CAREER Award will help to reach Mr. Tertuliano’s future goals and will support graduate student research and a larger initiative to make his work more accessible. Through the The Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter, the LRSM, Dr. Tertuliano will host a local high school teacher who will work within his lab to translate the group’s research into a curriculum that can be accessible to K-12 students.

For the next five summers, Dr. Tertuliano will also fund and host a high school student from the Philadelphia Mütur Museum’s STEM program, which engages local students from underserved communities in science.

Grant Opportunities

Project Grants: funding for art projects and cultural activities that benefit the West Philadelphia community, up to $5,000 each.

General Operating Grants: support for ongoing operational costs for artists and organizations, up to $2,500 each.

Grant applications can be submitted through the Paul Robeson House & Museum website through Saturday, June 29, 2024. You can also view examples of the types of projects eligible for support.