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Mark F. Dingfield: Executive Vice President

President J. Larry Jameson has announced that Mark F. Dingfield has been named executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania, effective August 2025 and pending approval by Penn's Board of Trustees. Dr. Dingfield succeeds Craig Carnaroli, who has served as senior executive vice president since 2004.

Dr. Dingfield currently serves as Penn's vice president for finance and treasurer. In that role, he has led efforts to strengthen the University's financial position, modernize core business operations, and support forward-looking planning across Penn's academic and clinical enterprises. He has built close partnerships with University and Penn Medicine leaders to ensure that operations are responsive, sustainable, and aligned with Penn's long-term vision.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Dingfield led the launch of the Quaker Commit-



Mark Dingfield

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Russell Composto and Kelly Jordan-Sciutto: Vice Provosts for Education



Russell Composto



Kelly Jordan-Sciutto

Provost John L. Jackson, Jr. has announced two new vice provosts at the University of Pennsylvania. Russell Composto is the vice provost for undergraduate education and Kelly Jordan-Sciutto the vice provost for graduate education, both effective July 1, 2025. These two new positions assume many of the administrative and oversight roles formerly held by the deputy provost and the vice provost for education.

Kelly Jordan-Sciutto is currently the associate dean for graduate education and the director of biomedical graduate studies in Penn's Perelman School of Medicine and a professor and the associate dean for organizational effectiveness

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David Meaney: Vice Provost for Research

Provost John L. Jackson, Jr. has announced the appointment of David Meaney as vice provost for research, beginning August 1, 2025. Dr. Meaney is currently the senior associate dean for faculty development and strategic initiatives and the inaugural Solomon R. Pollack Professor of Bioengineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science.



David Meaney

"Dave Meaney is a dynamic and deeply experienced leader who is engaged with every aspect of research at Penn, from cross-campus partnerships, to space and capital planning, to initiatives in technology and entrepreneurship," said Provost Jackson. "He has an exciting and expansive vision for the future of research, which will be more important than ever as our strategic framework, *In Principle and Practice*, calls us to lead on the great challenges of our time, accelerating interdisciplinary innovation across our campus and our city."

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From the President

Penn's Title IX Resolution with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights

July 1, 2025

To the Penn Community:

Yesterday, Penn and the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) resolved a February 2025 investigation into Penn's compliance with Title IX for women's athletics. This is a complex issue, and I am pleased that we were able to reach a resolution through the standard OCR process for concluding Title IX investigations.

Our commitment to ensuring a respectful and welcoming environment for all of our students is unwavering. At the same time, we must comply with federal requirements, including executive orders, and NCAA eligibility rules, so our teams and student-athletes may engage in competitive intercollegiate sports.

I would like to highlight a few important points and next steps:

- The Department of Education OCR investigated the participation of one transgender athlete on the women's swimming team three years ago, during the 2021–2022 swim season. At that time, Penn was in compliance

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Derrick E. Wood: UPPD Chief of Police

Vice President for Public Safety Kathleen Shields Anderson has announced that Derrick E. Wood has been selected to serve as chief of police for the University of Pennsylvania Police Department (UPPD) following a wide-ranging search.

Mr. Wood has served as a police officer with distinction for over 27 years. He most recently served in the role of interim chief of police of the UPPD, having joined the division in 2023 as deputy chief of police operations. Before coming to Penn, Mr. Wood served as the chief of the Norristown, Pennsylvania Police Department, after 24 years with the City of Philadelphia Police Department.

During his tenure with the Philadelphia Police Department, Mr. Wood held the position of police inspector, where he oversaw recruitment and background investigations and worked to revamp the recruitment strategy for the department. In his previous role as police inspector



Derrick Wood

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School of Arts & Sciences Appoints Four Faculty Members to Endowed Professorships

Hanming Fang, Julie Nelson Davis, Justin Khoury, and Xi Song have been named to endowed professorships in the School of Arts & Sciences.

Dr. Fang has been named the inaugural Norman C. Grosman Professor of Economics. Dr. Fang, who joined the Penn faculty in 2009, served as the Class of 1965 Term Professor and Joseph M. Cohen Term Professor of Economics before being appointed to the Grosman Professorship. He has also served as chair of the department of economics.

An applied microeconomist who integrates rigorous modeling with data analysis, Dr. Fang's research in the field of public economics focuses on health insurance and healthcare markets. In 2008, Dr. Fang was awarded the 17th Kenneth

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From the Faculty Senate Office

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 Two)

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. The nominees, all of whom have indicated their willingness to serve, are:

At-large Members of the Senate Executive Committee

to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:

- J. Margo Brooks Carthon (Nursing)
- Vance Byrd (SAS/Francophone, Italian, and Germanic Studies)

Assistant Professor Members of the Senate Executive Committee

to serve a 2-year term beginning upon election:

- Michael Hogan (Veterinary Medicine)
- Emily Ng (SAS/Anthropology)

Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility

to serve a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2025:

- Daniel Beiting (Veterinary Medicine)

Senate Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty

to serve a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2025:

- Rachel Baker (GSE)
- TBD

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, sen-ate@pobox.upenn.edu, or Tuesday, July 29, 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.

Russell Composto and Kelly Jordan-Sciutto: Vice Provosts for Education

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in the School of Dental Medicine. Russ Composto is the Bozza Family Faculty Co-Director of Penn First Plus and a Howell Family Faculty Fellow and a professor of materials science and engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science.

"I am delighted to welcome two of our most dynamic and innovative educators to these important new leadership positions," Provost Jackson said. "Both were first-generation college students with decades of experience at Penn, who are widely respected across campus for their leadership of interdisciplinary educational initiatives, strong collaborative skills, and longtime focus on teaching, mentoring, and advising students at all levels. I am deeply grateful to Deputy Provost Beth Winkelstein and the consultative committee of faculty and students who helped us to arrive at these exciting inaugural appointments."

Dr. Composto has been at Penn since 1990 and served from 2015 to 2023 as associate dean for undergraduate education in the School of Engineering & Applied Science. He was then appointed in 2023 as the Bozza Family Faculty Co-Director of Penn First Plus, a program that provides support, resources, and community-building for undergraduate students who identify as lower- to middle-income or are the first in their families to attend college. Dr. Composto has also served as the undergraduate and graduate chair of the department of materials science and engineering and as chair of the research working group for Penn's 2024 reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, among other roles. A pioneer of polymer science, he is a fellow and the former chair of the division of polymer physics of

the American Physical Society and has received Special Creativity and Presidential Young Investigator Awards from the National Science Foundation, among many other awards. He received a PhD and an MS from Cornell University and a BA from Gettysburg College.

Dr. Jordan-Sciutto has been at Penn since 2001 and has served since 2017 as the associate dean for graduate education and director of biomedical graduate studies in the Perelman School of Medicine. She has also served since 2022 as the associate dean for organizational effectiveness in the School of Dental Medicine. She has also chaired the department of pathology and the Faculty Senate Committee on Students and Educational Policy, among other roles. She has served as a member of the Provost's Leadership Academy and the Penn Fellows program, which provide leadership training to select Penn faculty members, as well as the management development program of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education. She recently received the 2024 Lifetime Service Award of the Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology. Her research focuses on the cellular and molecular responses to inflammation in the brain, especially how these mechanisms can be used therapeutically to advance new treatments for preventing cognitive changes in people with HIV, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease. Originally announced as a member of the consultative committee to advise the provost on the appointment of a vice provost for education, Dr. Jordan-Sciutto then withdrew from the committee to become a candidate. She received a PhD from Thomas Jefferson University and a BS from Villanova University.

David Meaney: Vice Provost for Research

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"I am deeply grateful to Deputy Provost Beth A. Winkelstein and the consultative committee that helped us to arrive at this outstanding result," continued Provost Jackson. "We are especially indebted to Dawn Bonnell for her landmark twelve years as senior vice provost for research—which have transformed the landscape of research across our region—and for agreeing to extend her term through July 31."

As senior associate dean in the School of Engineering & Applied Science since 2020, Dr. Meaney has spearheaded major initiatives to advance wellness, faculty development, facilities expansion, and capital planning across the school. He has been a key partner in the development of such interdisciplinary, cross-campus initiatives as Structured, Active, In-Class Learning (SAIL) for introductory STEM courses; the landmark Penn Health-Tech, which facilitates the creation of new medical devices and healthcare technologies; the first-of-its-kind Center for Innovation in Precision Dentistry, which promotes engineering technologies for oral health; and innovative cross-school partnerships including the Penn Advanced Research Computing Center, the Innovation in Data Engineering and Science Initiative, the Energy and Sustainability Initiative, the Center for Precision Engineering for Health, and the Center for Quantum Information, Engineering, Science, and Technology. He served from 2007 to 2019 as chair of the department of bioengineering, raising the department's *U.S. News* ranking to fourth and tripling its per capita research to rank second among all peer universities.

Dr. Meaney's research focuses on the science of concussions, especially how to prevent and detect injuries, predict recovery, and assess why some people's brains may be more resilient to injuries. The recipient of a National Science Foundation CAREER Award and the Y.C. Fung Young Investigator Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he has worked extensively with the National Football League, as well as on a Congressional Blue Ribbon Panel to investigate roller coaster safety.

At Penn, Dr. Meaney has received a 2021 Lindback Award, Penn's highest teaching award; the 2019 Ford Motor Company Faculty Advising Award, awarded by undergraduate Penn Engineering students; and the 2014 Trustees Council of Penn Women Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, among other awards. He began teaching at Penn in 1993, following a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Penn, a PhD and MS in bioengineering from Penn, and a BS in biomedical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Derrick E. Wood: UPPD Chief of Police

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of Southwest Division, Mr. Wood managed the largest patrol division in Philadelphia, with a team of over 800 personnel dedicated to a 22 square mile region of the city. His focus on community policing and relationship building with the people of West Philadelphia were hallmarks of his time in this role.

Mr. Wood will apply his years of experience in building relationships with all members of the community and his attention to supporting and uplifting his team and partners in his role as chief.

Cait Lamberton: Vice Dean and Director of the Wharton Undergraduate Division

Wharton School dean Erika James has announced the appointment of Cait Lamberton, the Alberto I. Duran President's Distinguished Professor of Marketing, as vice dean and director of the Wharton undergraduate division, effective July 1, 2025.

Dr. Lamberton succeeds Diana C. Robertson who, having served two successful terms, will return to Wharton's legal studies and business ethics department as the Samuel A. Blank Professor.

Dr. Lamberton joined Wharton in 2019 and has taught across the school's undergraduate, MBA, PhD and executive education programs. Her scholarship focuses on consumption-related phenomena and spans topics related to retail environments, taxation, emotions, technology and blockchain-based valuation. Recently, Dr. Lamberton's research has explored the role of dignity and respect in marketplace experiences, with a particular focus on how brands and organizations can build customer loyalty by appealing to their sense of agency and justice.

"Wharton thrives because of scholars and educators like Cait, whose exceptional contributions to both teaching and research resonate across our entire community," said Dean James. "Her commitment to academic excellence and talent for motivating students to reach their full



Cait Lamberton

potential make her an ideal leader for this vital role. I look forward to seeing the undergraduate division reach even greater heights with Cait's guidance and am deeply grateful to Vice Dean Diana Robertson for her significant contributions and stellar leadership."

Dr. Lamberton has been widely celebrated for her teaching, research and service to Wharton and Penn and to the profession. She has earned multiple Wharton Teaching Excellence awards and has been named both a Penn Fellow and a Wharton Fellow. Among other accolades, Dr. Lamberton has repeatedly been named to the American Marketing Association's list of the top 25 most productive marketing researchers in the world and was recognized as a Marketing Science Institute Scholar. Additionally, she received the Erin Anderson Award, which celebrates excellence in mentoring and scholarship, and the Hunt-Maynard Award for Conceptual Contributions to the field of marketing. She also received the Lazaridis Prize for her work in technology and marketing and received the Kinnear Prize for achievements related to public policy and marketing.

In addition to her teaching and research accomplishments, Dr. Lamberton has served as editor of the *Journal of Marketing* and is the co-author of *Marketplace Dignity: Transforming How We Engage with Customers Across Their Journey*. Reflecting her interest in real-world marketing challenges, Dr. Lamberton has offered expert guidance to leading companies in the pharmaceutical and finance industries. She received her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and her MBA and PhD from the University of South Carolina.

Kayla Storrs: Head of Community Engagement and Well-Being for DRIA and Wellness at Penn

Kayla Storrs, who most recently served as the associate director of people, culture, and belonging at University of Oklahoma (OU) Athletics, has been named the head of community engagement and well-being at Penn. The position is shared between the Division of Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics and Wellness at Penn.

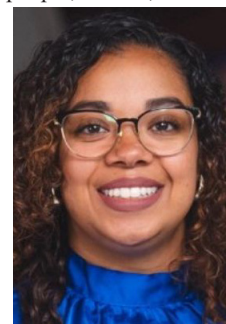
Ms. Storrs joined Oklahoma Athletics in 2023 and worked closely with the associate AD for people, culture, and belonging to design and implement strategic initiatives to foster community. She also led large-scale programs and professional development opportunities, resulting in increased employee participation and community engagement.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kayla to our Penn Athletics and Recreation team," said Alan Wren, the T. Gibbs Kane, Jr. W'69 Director of Athletics and Recreation at Penn. "We were compelled by her specific experiences in admissions and recruitment, public health, and her work in higher education and also independent schools. Her academic and professional credentials will help Kayla make an immediate impact on both our division and Wellness at Penn."

"Kayla brings a dynamic blend of experience and strategic thinking to this role," said Benoit Dubé, associate provost and chief wellness officer at Penn. "Her unique background in both wellness and athletics gives her a powerful lens to view and understand the deep connection between belonging, performance, and well-being. We're thrilled to welcome a leader who so fully embodies the values that guide our work within Wellness at Penn and across the University."

"I'm really excited to step into this role at Penn," Ms. Storrs said. "This work is personal to me, as I've seen how powerful it is when people feel supported, connected, and like they truly belong. I'm looking forward to building intentional spaces where that's not just a goal, but a lived experience."

From 2020 to 2023, Ms. Storrs served at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, and before that role, she spent four years at the University of Oklahoma Office of Admissions and Recruitment. A double alumna of the University of Oklahoma, Ms. Storrs earned a bachelor of science in health studies and a bachelor of arts in African American studies in 2014. She went on to earn her master of public health from the University of Kentucky (UK) in 2016 and is currently pursuing a PhD in adult and higher education at OU. Her research explores parental support of first-generation college students in the college admissions process.



Kayla Storrs

Stephen Decina: Executive Director of Climate Science, Policy, and Action

Provost John L. Jackson, Jr. and Vice Provost for Climate Science, Policy, and Action Michael Mann have announced the appointment of Stephen Decina as Penn's inaugural executive director of climate science, policy, and action.

"Steve Decina has a distinguished record of accomplishment in both the science and policy spheres," said Vice Provost Mann. "I am very excited about him joining our team here at Penn as we move forward with a bold agenda on climate and sustainability."

Dr. Decina is a biogeochemist who has served for the past five years in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. In this role, he led collaborative environmental initiatives and negotiations across the G7 and G20 groups of global partners and the United Nations Environment Program, represented the United States on the United Nations International Resource Panel, helped to develop the Cities Forward Initiative, and led efforts to combat wildlife trafficking across the Western Hemisphere, Middle East, North Africa, and maritime sphere.

He was previously at the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, where he worked to improve child-

hood air quality exposure in vulnerable communities. He has also consulted for the United Nations Foundation Clean Cooking Alliance as an analyst and educator on household energy standards. He received a PhD in biology, with a specialization in biogeosciences, from Boston University, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California at Berkeley, where he analyzed urban air pollution through patterns and sources of emissions. Before his work as a scientist, Dr. Decina taught science for over a decade in Newark, New Jersey and New York City and co-founded a science camp for children in foster care with colleagues in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"It is an honor to work in the Provost's Office alongside Mike Mann to capitalize on Penn's many strengths—world-class faculty and research, a passionate and brilliant student body, and a strong relationship with the great city of Philadelphia, to name just a few—to advance climate science and action," said Dr. Decina. "We are determined to play our part in giving future generations the opportunity to live peaceful and prosperous lives on a healthy, healing planet."

The Office of the Vice Provost for Climate Science, Policy, and Action was founded in 2024 as a key component of Penn's strategic framework, *In Principle and Practice*. The office reflects Penn's presence across energy, sustainability, and climate science, bringing together scientific research and education, local and global policies, what we do ourselves, and how we model, convene, learn from, and lead others, including other universities, other economic sectors, and other nations.



Stephen Decina

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Deaths

Norman I. Badler, Computer & Information Science

Norman I. Badler, an emeritus professor in the department of computer and information science (CIS) in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, died on May 15. He was 77.

Dr. Badler earned a bachelor's degree in creative studies (mathematics) from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1970, then a PhD in computer science in 1975 and a master's degree in mathematics in 1977, both from the University of Toronto.

In 1974, while earning his PhD, Dr. Badler joined the faculty of Penn's Moore School of Electrical Engineering, which was later integrated into Penn Engineering, as an assistant professor in CIS. Over a career that lasted nearly fifty years, he went on to serve in multiple leadership roles at Penn, including serving as chair of CIS from 1990 to 1994 and as associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Engineering & Applied Science from 2001 to 2005. He held two endowed professorships at different points in his tenure at Penn: the Cecilia Fitler Moore Professorship from 1990 to 1994, and the Andrew S. and Debra Rachleff Professorship from 2013 until his retirement and assumption of emeritus status in 2021. He joined Penn's 25 Year Club in 1999.

In 1998, Dr. Badler launched Penn Engineering's digital media design undergraduate major, one of the first engineering-emphasis degrees devoted to computer graphics. He was also the founding director of the Center for Human Modeling and Simulation, which under his leadership became internationally recognized for its groundbreaking work on virtual humans, embodied agents, and simulation technologies that have impacted industries from animation and gaming to military training and human-computer interaction.

Dr. Badler leaves behind a legacy in the fields of computer graphics, human modeling, and artificial intelligence. His research helped define how computers could simulate realistic human motion and behavior, making him a seminal figure in the evolution of computer animation and interactive virtual environments. His work laid the foundation for many of the technologies in visual computing.

Throughout his career, he served as the senior co-editor for the journal *Graphical Models* (for 20 years) and on the editorial boards of several other journals; he also authored several books, including *Simulating Humans: Computer Graphics Animation and Control* (1993) and, most recently, *On Raising a Digital Human: A Personal Evolution* (2024), a collection of lecture transcripts that served as a memoir. He was active in the Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (ACM SIGGRAPH), which named him to its 2021 academy class, considered one of the highest honors in the field of computer graphics.

"Dr. Badler's legacy will continue through

the work of his students, the ongoing impact of his research, and the enduring strength of the academic programs he helped build at Penn Engineering," said his department in a tribute.

Leonard A. Lauder, Penn Trustee Emeritus

Leonard A. Lauder, W'54, an emeritus Penn trustee and a longtime member of the Penn community, died on June 14. He was 92.

Born in Manhattan, New York, Mr. Lauder graduated from the Bronx High School of Science in 1950. He received a bachelor's degree from the Wharton School at Penn in 1954. He then served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for three years and studied at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. Mr. Lauder joined his mother's company, Estée Lauder, in 1958. He eventually became president and CEO, shaping Estée Lauder Companies, Inc., into one of the world's leading cosmetics purveyors.

Mr. Lauder joined Penn's Board of Trustees in 1977 and served on the board's executive, nominating, and local, national & global engagement committees, and as chair of the external affairs committee. He was also a member of the School of Arts & Sciences Board of Advisors and was a perennial member of the Class of 1954 Gift Committee. In 1983, Mr. Lauder and his brother Ronald S. Lauder, W'65, founded the Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies, housed in the Wharton School, in honor of their father, Joseph Lauder. Leonard Lauder was a longstanding member of the Lauder Institute's board.

The Lauder family, particularly Leonard Lauder, have been generous benefactors to Penn through the decades. Mr. Lauder and other family members have continued to support initiatives at the Lauder Institute like critical financial aid, support for faculty positions, the creation of the Lauder Global Knowledge Lab, and building renovations. They have also encouraged others to support the institute through the Lauder Family Challenge Fund. The family supported the creation of the Lauder College House in 2016 with the largest capital gift to the University at that time, and Mr. Lauder's philanthropy supported many other initiatives across Penn's schools and centers, including undergraduate financial aid, fellowships in the Wharton School, the Whitney-Lauder Fellowship at the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Van Pelt Library, the Lauder Chair in International Relations, the Lauder Chair in Political Science, the Breast Cancer Research Fund at the Perelman School of Medicine, the Leonard A. Lauder Career Center, the Penn Museum, WXP, the Penn Fund, and the Class of 1954 Reunion Fund. In 2022, Mr. Lauder made a \$125 million gift to establish the Leonard A. Lauder Community Care Nurse Practitioner Program at Penn Nursing. This first-of-its-kind, tuition-free program recruits and prepares a diverse cadre of expert nurse practitioners to pro-

vide primary care to individuals and families in underserved communities across the U.S.

Penn honored Mr. Lauder in 1996 with the Alumni Award of Merit, the highest award given by Penn Alumni in recognition of outstanding service to the University. In 2003, he was awarded the University of Pennsylvania Medal for Distinguished Achievement, given "to those individuals whose performance is in keeping with the highest goals of the University and who have contributed to the world through innovative acts of scholarship, scientific discovery, artistic creativity or societal leadership." With his brother, Mr. Lauder received the Wharton School's Dean's Medal in 2006, in recognition of his commitment to global business. For his steadfast leadership and support, as well as his love of the arts, Mr. Lauder was honored at the Institute of Contemporary Art's 50th Anniversary Gala in 2013.

Mr. Lauder was chair emeritus of the Aspen Institute, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of Ronald Reagan's Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations. He spent 40 years building a collection of Cubist paintings, which he donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in 2013. He was also a generous benefactor of the National Gallery and the Whitney Museum of American Art. He was a co-founder and chairman of the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation and a founder of the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Glickman; his sons, William, W'83, and Gary, C'84, W'84 (Laura); his brother, Ronald, W'65 (Jo Carole); his grandchildren, Rachel, C'13, Danielle, Djuna-Bear, Joshua, C'19, and Eliana; two great-grandsons; his nieces, Aerin, C'92, and Jane; and stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

To learn more about Mr. Lauder, read [a tribute](#) in *The New York Times*.

Russell E. Palmer, Jr., Wharton Dean and Penn Trustee Emeritus

Russell E. Palmer Jr., former dean of the Wharton School and an emeritus member of Penn's Board of Trustees, died on June 14. He was 90.

Mr. Palmer graduated from Michigan State University in 1951. He then worked for Touche Ross & Co (today part of Deloitte), where he rose to managing partner and CEO at 37 (the youngest person at the time to head a "Big 8" accounting and consulting firm). After leading the company through a decade of expansion, he left in 1983 to be the first Wharton dean appointed from the private sector and only the second non-faculty appointment.

Mr. Palmer reimagined Wharton during his seven-year tenure as dean. Under his "Plan for Preeminence," the school developed an extensive program of internationalization, estab-

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Norman Badler



Leonard Lauder



Russell Palmer

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lished the Aresty Institute of Executive Education and the Steinberg Conference Center, created three major research centers, and laid the groundwork for a far-reaching restructuring of the MBA curriculum. Under Mr. Palmer's leadership, Wharton attracted more than 100 new faculty members, tripled the number of endowed chairs, raised more than \$100 million, increased Wharton's endowment fivefold, and raised Wharton's *Business Week* rank to the number one business school in the U.S.

Mr. Palmer left Wharton in 1990 to start his own private equity firm, the Palmer Group. He served on Penn's Board of Trustees from 1991 to 2001 and served on the executive, audit, internationalization, and compensation committees and as vice chair of the board. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Palmer also chaired the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania Health System; he also served on the Health System Trustee Board Executive Committee. The health system faced a financial crisis during his tenure, and Mr. Palmer worked with Penn leadership to restructure the health system as Penn Medicine, a rebrand that helped restore the health system to solvency and endures today.

In addition to his service to Penn, Mr. Palmer was active on the boards of the National Constitution Center, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, Main Line Health, the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School Board of Overseers, and the Smithsonian Institution. He authored the book *Ultimate Leadership: Winning Execution Strategies for Your Situation* in 2008 and wrote articles that appeared in *Business Week* and *The New York Times* and in numerous trade publications. He and his wife, Wendy, established the REP Family Foundation to provide leadership, support services, education-focused programs, scholarships, and financial support to independent schools, charter schools, and many nonprofit organizations.

His honors at Penn include professorships in management and ESG at Wharton, the Wharton Dean's Medal, and a lifetime achievement award from Wharton's Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center. His name is bestowed on a Wharton Crew Club shell (rowing boat) and an endowed scholarship for Wharton undergraduate students. He also was a passionate advocate for the Netter Center for Community Partnerships and established the Russell Palmer Fund there to support its career mentoring program.

Mr. Palmer is survived by his wife, Wendy; his children, Bradley, WG'88, Stephen, Russell, and Karen, C'90; 16 grandchildren; and his former wife, Phyllis (Hartung) Palmer. Contributions in his memory can be made to the [Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia](#).

To Report A Death

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

However, notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Suite 300, 2929 Walnut St., (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu.

Annenberg School Launches Masters in Communication and Media Industries Program

The Annenberg School for Communication has announced the launch of the new master of communication and media industries (MCMi). This program will prepare students to critically analyze and strategically engage with the evolving global media landscape.

Annenberg's commitment to professional education in communication dates back to its founding in 1954, when it launched a masters in communication as its inaugural academic program. That program, which was last offered in the early 2000s, produced generations of graduates who advanced to successful careers in business, media, nonprofit leadership, and academia. Now, 25 years later, Annenberg is reimagining this degree, defined by rapid technological change, global interconnectivity, and evolving professional demands.

"Our goal with the MCMi program is to cultivate leaders who are not only prepared to navigate today's dynamic media industries, but who also think expansively, ethically, and globally about their future," said Sarah Banet-Weiser, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication. "By bridging theoretical inquiry with professional practice, we are shaping the future of media leadership."

Rooted in Annenberg's tradition of academic excellence and public impact, this masters program offers rigorous research, critical inquiry, and applied practice. It equips students with a sophisticated analytical framework and hands-on experience through real-world projects and immersive case studies that address current challenges and innovations in the media ecosystem. By bridging theory and practice, the program prepares graduates to thrive in a wide range of careers across the media industry, from strategic communication and journalism to media analytics and content development.

The MCMi program will admit a small, highly selective cohort of 15 students for its inaugural year. This intimate structure fosters close mentorship, individualized academic support, and a dynamic, collaborative learning environment.

2025 Trolley Blitz Tunnel Closure Through August 11

Every summer, SEPTA closes the trolley tunnel to make repairs, conduct track and electrical work, and thoroughly clean tracks and stations. This year's trolley closure is longer than normal, lasting until Monday, August 11 at 6 a.m., because PennDOT is also doing work in the tunnel. This closure will reduce the number of outages over the rest of the year. After this trolley tunnel closure, there will be no major trolley tunnel closure in summer 2026.

During the Trolley Blitz, routes 10 (T1), 34 (T2), 13 (T3), 11 (T4), and 36 (T5) will bypass the tunnel and be rerouted to 40th & Market Streets. From there, travelers can transfer to the Market-Frankford line (L) or 21/42 buses for connections to and from Center City. For more information, visit <https://www.septa.org/news/2025-trolley-tunnel-closure/>.

Honors & Other Things

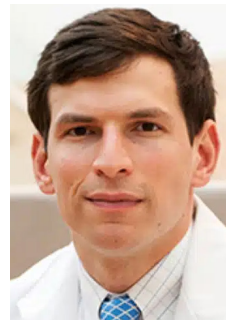
David Fajgenbaum: Movie Deal for *Chasing My Cure*

David Fajgenbaum, an associate professor of medicine (translational medicine and human genetics) in the Perelman School of Medicine, will have a movie made based on his memoir, *Chasing My Cure: A Doctor's Race to Turn Hope into Action*.

Film and media production and financing company City Hill Arts has optioned and put into development the project based on the true story of Dr. Fajgenbaum, a former star quarterback-turned-medical student who worked to save his own life when he was diagnosed with a rare and usually fatal illness and given only six months to live. With no known cure, he gathered together an unconventional team to challenge every presumption of the medical establishment in a race to save his own life.

Dr. Fajgenbaum and his team were recently chronicled in *The New York Times* for their work using AI to repurpose existing medications to treat rare diseases.

The movie will be written by Amy Snow and produced by Academy Award-winning producer Wendy Finerman, Robin Jonas, and Jonathan Lim. The film will be executive produced by Steven P. Wegner and Lisa Zupan.



David Fajgenbaum

Joseph S. Francisco: 2025 Pauling Award from ACS

Joseph S. Francisco, the President's Distinguished Professor of Earth and Environmental Science and a professor of chemistry in the School of Arts & Sciences, has received the 2025 Pauling Award in recognition of his pioneering studies of the chemistry of Earth's atmosphere. His groundbreaking research reshaped scientific understanding of atmospheric processes, including pioneering air-water/micropore chemistry.

The Pauling Medal Award recognizes outstanding achievement in chemistry and is presented annually by the Puget Sound, Oregon, and Portland Sections of the American Chemical Society. The award is named after Linus Pauling, a native of the Pacific Northwest and a giant of 20th-century chemistry.

Leslie Richards: 2025 Government Service Award

Leslie Richards, a professor of practice in the department of city and regional planning in the Weitzman School of Design, has received the 2025 Government Service Award from the



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Philadelphia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The award is presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the civil engineering profession in the Philadelphia area.

Ms. Richards has held key agency positions over the past several years, most recently as the general manager and CEO of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), where she was appointed in 2020. She served as the leader of SEPTA, the sixth largest transit authority in the United States, for four years. Before her appointment at SEPTA, she led the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Before SEPTA, she served as the Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation from 2015 to 2020.

Ms. Richards transitioned from the role of SEPTA GM in late 2024 to become a professor of practice at Penn. In her various agency and government positions, she was able to support and use the service of civil engineers to accomplish the goals of infrastructure upgrades and improvements to improve mobility and the quality of life for her constituents and passengers. She has consistently worked to accelerate inclusive economic growth, promote job creation, and lay the foundation for stronger, more livable and connected communities. She is known as an innovative change maker who takes the time to listen and elevate the voices of others.

Ms. Richards received her bachelor's degree in economics and urban studies from Brown University in 1989, with a master's degree in regional planning from Penn in 1993.



Leslie Richards

University of Pennsylvania: CCGP 2025 Civic 50 Greater Philadelphia Honoree

The University of Pennsylvania has been named a 2025 honoree of the Civic 50 Greater Philadelphia by the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia. The Civic 50 Greater Philadelphia measures and recognizes civic-minded companies using their time, talent, and resources to drive social impact within their organizations and communities.

This regional initiative is an outgrowth of the national Civic 50, led by the nonprofit Points of Light in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, designed to recognize and celebrate the 50 most community-minded companies in the Greater Philadelphia region.

For more information, visit <https://chamber-phl.com/advocacy-initiatives/civic-50-greater-philadelphia/>.

Penn Libraries' Shortlist for the 2025 Book Prize in Sustainability

Four books have been shortlisted for the 2025 Penn Libraries Book Prize in Sustainability.

This annual award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the global discourse on environmental sustainability, with a specific focus on books that have a substantial impact on the public's understanding of these crucial issues.

The shortlist includes:

- *Climate Capitalism: Winning the Race to Zero Emissions and Solving the Crisis of Our Age* by Akshat Rathi
- *Into the Clear Blue Sky: The Path to Restoring Our Atmosphere* by Rob Jackson
- *The Language of Climate Politics: Fossil-Fuel Propaganda and How to Fight It* by Genevieve Guenther
- *Total Garbage: How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal Our World* by Edward Humes

This is the second year of the award, which acknowledges outstanding contributions to the global discourse on environmental sustainability. The winning author will accept the award and present their work on October 15, 2025, during Climate Week at Penn.

Victor Pickard: 2025 C. Edwin Baker Award from ICA

Victor Pickard, co-director of the Media, Inequality & Change Center at the Annenberg School for Communication, has received the



Victor Pickard

2025 C. Edwin Baker Award for the Advancement of Scholarship on Media, Markets and Democracy. The award is given annually by the Philosophy, Theory & Critique and Communication Law & Policy divisions of the International Communication Association for scholarly and related work that has made a significant contribution to the development, reach, and influence of scholarship on media, markets, and democracy. Dr. Pickard shares the 2025 award with Pablo J. Boczkowski of Northwestern University.

Dr. Pickard's research focuses on the history and political economy of media institutions, media activism, and the politics and normative foundations of media policy. His work is particularly concerned with the future of journalism and the role of media in a democratic society.

He has authored or edited six books, including the award-winning *Democracy Without Journalism? Confronting the Misinformation Society* (Oxford University Press) and *America's Battle for Media Democracy: The Triumph of Corporate Libertarianism and the Future of Media Reform* (Cambridge University Press). He frequently speaks to the press about media-related issues and has been interviewed widely about his research in leading news organizations such as NPR, *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Guardian*, and *The New York Times*.

"This award is especially meaningful to me because Ed Baker is one of my intellectual heroes," Dr. Pickard told the audience while accepting the award at the International Communication Association Conference in Denver, Colorado. "His meticulous and empirically-driven argumentation for why media markets

fail democracy remains unrivaled."

The Baker Award was established in 2010 through an endowed fund created from the estate of Professor C. Edwin Baker (1947-2009), who was the Nicholas F. Gallichio Professor of Law and Communication at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and is intended to honor Dr. Baker's contribution to communications scholarship.

Nancy A. Speck: 2025 E. Donnell Thomas Lecture and Prize from ASH

Nancy A. Speck, the John W. Eckman Professor in Medical Science II and chair of the department of cell and developmental biology in the Perelman School of Medicine, has been named the 2025 recipient of the E. Donnell Thomas Lecture and Prize from the American Society of Hematology (ASH). The award presentation and lecture will take place at the ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition, to be held from December 7-10, 2025, in Orlando, Florida.



Nancy Speck

ASH is the world's largest professional society for clinicians and scientists around the world who are working to conquer blood diseases. The award, part of ASH's prestigious honorific awards program, is named after the late Nobel Prize laureate and past ASH president E. Donnell Thomas. The E. Donnell Thomas Lecture and Prize is intended to recognize pioneering research achievements in hematology that have represented a paradigm shift or significant discovery in the field.

Dr. Speck is honored for her pivotal work in hematopoiesis (the process of blood cell production) and leukemogenesis (the process of leukemia development). Her discovery of the transcription factor complex "core binding factor" has enabled significant conceptual insights into embryonic blood cell formation. One subunit of core binding factor is the transcription factor RUNX1, encoded by a gene responsible for blood cell creation. This condition predisposes patients to developing certain blood cancers, including myelodysplastic syndromes and leukemia.

"Dr. Speck's research has provided critical knowledge to help us understand how certain blood cancers and other blood disorders develop," said Robert Vonderheide, director of the Abramson Cancer Center. "We are glad to have such a brilliant hematology researcher on our team and are pleased to see her recognized with one of the highest honors from ASH."

Dr. Speck is also co-leader of the hematologic malignancies program at the Abramson Cancer Center and is an investigator in the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute. She earned her PhD in biochemistry from Northwestern University in 1983 and completed postdoctoral research fellowships in retroviral pathogenesis and eukaryotic gene regulation at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and MIT, respectively. Dr. Speck joined Penn in 2008 and has served as chair of cell and developmental biology since 2015.

School of Arts & Sciences Appoints Four Faculty Members to Endowed Professorships

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Arrow Prize by the International Health Economics Association for his research on the sources of advantageous selection in the Medigap insurance market. His current work involves the interaction between health insurance reform and the labor market, as well as various aspects of the Chinese economy. In his research on discrimination, he examines the role of prejudice in search rates during highway stops, emergency room treatments, and parole releases.

The author of more than 100 working papers, peer-reviewed journal articles, and other publications, Dr. Fang is also co-editor of the forthcoming book *The Arc of the Chinese Government*, to be published by Cambridge University Press in fall 2025.

Dr. Fang currently serves as a research associate at Penn's Population Studies Center and Population Aging Research Center. He is also a senior fellow at Penn's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. Dr. Fang's academic service includes membership on the executive committee of Penn's Center for the Study of Contemporary China. He was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society in 2018 and currently serves on the society's executive committee.

The estate of the late Norman C. Grosman, W'52, WG'53, established the Norman C. Grosman Professorship in 2024.

Dr. Davis has been named the Paul F. Miller, Jr. and E. Warren Shafer Miller Professor of History of Art. Dr. Davis joined Penn's department of history of art as an assistant professor in 2002, before becoming an associate professor in 2008 and a full professor in 2016. She has served as the undergraduate chair, graduate chair, and department chair.

Dr. Davis researches the arts and material cultures of 18th- and 19th-century Japan, with a focus on prints, paintings, and illustrated books. She is recognized as a leader in the field of ukiyo-e ("images of the floating world") and employs an interdisciplinary approach to exploring the artistic practice, authorship, and censorship of these works. The author of numerous articles and essays on early modern and modern Japanese art, Dr. Davis has also published the books *Utamaro and the Spectacle of Beauty* and *Partners in Print: Artistic Collaboration and the Ukiyo-e Market*, both groundbreaking studies of ukiyo-e. In her most recent book, *Picturing the Floating World: Ukiyo-e in Context*, Dr. Davis debunks long-held myths that ukiyo-e was unappreciated in its own time and writes a more nuanced evaluation of ukiyo-e as valuable and artistic works.

A 2021 Guggenheim Fellow, Dr. Davis is currently working on a new project about imitation, homage, and fabrication in ukiyo-e painting, as



Hanming Fang



Julie Nelson Davis

well as a second project on artist Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849) and illustrated books.

Dr. Davis has been a consistently active contributor to the Center for East Asian Studies, as well as a topic director at the Wolf Humanities Forum. She was the founding director of the Penn Forum on Japan, serving in that role from 2015 to 2020, and co-founder of the Penn Faculty Working Group for Reading Asian Manuscripts. Dr. Davis is currently principal investigator on a University Research Foundation grant and a participant in a Japanese government grant researching the Arthur Tress Collection of Japanese Illustrated Books in the Penn Libraries. She has served as lead curator of the National Museum of Asian Art and of several exhibitions at Penn.

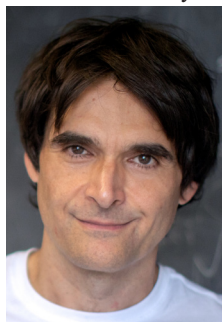
The late Paul F. Miller Jr., W'50, HON'81, and his wife, Ella Warren Shafer Miller, CW'51, established the Paul F. Miller, Jr. and E. Warren Shafer Miller Professor of History of Art. Paul Miller served as chair of Penn's Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1986. He also served as chair of the Board of Managers of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and on the advisory boards of the Wharton School and Penn Arts & Sciences. He received Penn's Alumni Award of Merit in 1982. Ella Miller also served on the Board of Advisors of Penn Arts & Sciences. In addition to establishing the professorship, they supported many other initiatives throughout the University.

Dr. Khoury has been named the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Term Professor of Physics and Astronomy. Dr. Khoury joined the department of physics and astronomy in 2009 and served as the associate chair for undergraduate affairs from 2014 to 2018. He is the current co-director of Penn's Center for Particle Cosmology.

Dr. Khoury's research interests lie at the intersection of particle physics and cosmology. Renowned for developing and investigating novel theories of dark matter, dark energy, and the early universe, Dr. Khoury has made many notable contributions to the ekpyrotic model of the early universe, the chameleon mechanism for dark energy, and the concept of dark matter superfluidity.

During his academic career, Dr. Khoury has published more than 100 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Physical Review Letters* and the *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*. His work has been recognized with several honors, including an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, a National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the 2017 Buchalter Cosmology Prize, and Penn's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. He has also received a number of significant, multi-year research grants from grant-makers such as the U.S. Department of Energy, NSF, NASA, the Kaufman Foundation, the Simons Foundation, the Templeton Foundation, and the Keck Foundation.

At Penn, Dr. Khoury has served on the School of Arts & Sciences Personnel Committee, the SAS Graduate Education Committee, the selection committee for the President's Innovation Prize, and the selection committee for the Goldwater scholarship.



Justin Khoury

The Kahn chairs were established through a bequest by Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn. Edmund Kahn was a 1925 Wharton graduate who had a highly successful career in the oil and natural gas industry. Louise Kahn, a graduate of Smith College, worked for *Newsweek* and owned an interior design firm. They supported many programs and projects at Penn, including Van Pelt Library, the Modern Languages College House, and other scholarships and initiatives in the humanities.

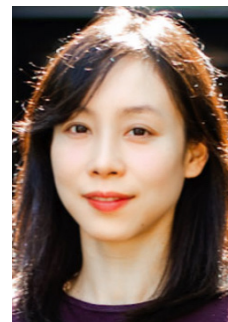
Dr. Song has been named the inaugural Schiffman Family Presidential Associate Professor of Sociology. Dr. Song joined Penn's department of sociology in 2019 as an associate professor of sociology and demography. In 2021, she received the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA).

Dr. Song's research interests include social mobility, occupations, Asian Americans, population studies, and quantitative methodology. Her early work uses censuses, genealogies, and other data to explore how individuals and families create and reproduce economic advantages, and why they grow and decline across multiple generations.

Her current research investigates shifting career patterns in the United States. Dr. Song has developed a new occupational percentile rank measure and examined how occupational structures change across workers' life courses. Her current research also focuses on Asian Americans and the "model minority" narrative. Looking at educational and labor market outcomes and intergenerational mobility, this research highlights domains where Asian Americans have reached parity with white Americans and where the "bamboo ceiling" persists. This project is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Song has authored and co-authored more than 30 peer-reviewed papers, which have received multiple awards from the ASA, the International Sociological Association, the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, and *Demographic Research*. In addition, Dr. Song served as a Penn Faculty Fellow during the 2024-2025 academic year. She is also the scientific and tech core director of Penn's Population Studies Center and a research associate in the Population Aging Research Center. At Penn, she is a member of the Data-Driven Discovery Initiative and a faculty organizer with the Quantitative Methodology Working Group and the Penn Summer Institute in Computational Social Science.

Jeremy N. Schiffman, W'97, and Abby Rosner Schiffman, C'97, established the Schiffman Family Presidential Professorship in 2021. Ms. Rosner Schiffman is a member of the Penn Arts & Sciences Ambassador Council. She is a former adjunct instructor at Columbia University's Teachers College and previously taught high school English in San Francisco and New York City. Mr. Schiffman is a co-founder and managing partner of Palestra Capital Management. In addition to the endowed professorship, they have supported several initiatives at Penn, including undergraduate financial aid and the Behavior Change for Good Initiative.



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ment, a landmark initiative that enhances Penn's financial aid program by further supporting middle-income students and families. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he played a central leadership role on Penn's response team, helping to design and implement Penn's testing infrastructure and campus health strategy at a moment of extraordinary demand. He also co-sponsored several significant administrative transformations, which laid the foundation for more modern, integrated support for Penn's faculty, staff, and students.

As executive vice president, Dr. Dingfield will oversee Penn's business and administrative operations, including finance, investments, human resources, information technology, facilities and real estate services, audit, public safety, and more. He will work closely with Penn's academic and clinical leadership to support innovation, strengthen operational resilience, and advance Penn's mission amid significant change in higher education and healthcare.

"Mark is a principled, dynamic leader who brings intellectual rigor, financial acumen, and an instinct for collaboration," President Jameson said. "He understands the mission and complexity of Penn and the opportunities it creates. As we look to the future, Mark offers clarity, energy,

Mark F. Dingfield: Executive Vice President

and a fresh perspective to a role that is critical to the University's continued momentum. I am confident he will be an exceptional partner and steward in the years ahead."

Dr. Dingfield joined Penn in 2017 as associate provost for finance and planning and was appointed vice president for finance and treasurer in 2022. Since then, he has built and led a high-performing team that is responsible for Penn's core financial operations and key administrative functions, including the Comptroller's Office, Research Services, Procurement, Risk Management and Insurance, Student Registration and Financial Services, and Global Support Services.

Before joining Penn, Dr. Dingfield held leadership roles at Princeton University and Microsoft. He earned his BA from Swarthmore College, MSc from the London School of Economics, and PhD in political science from Temple University. He serves on the boards of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the West Philadelphia YMCA.

"It is a profound honor to take on this role at such a pivotal time for Penn," Dr. Dingfield said. "As our university navigates change within a rapidly shifting world, this moment requires thoughtful strategy, meaningful engagement with our community, and deliberate action."

I look forward to working closely with President Jameson, our faculty, staff, and community partners to advance Penn's mission and shape its future."

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Craig Carnaroli for his decades of distinguished service," President Jameson said. "He has been an indispensable leader whose impact is evident across Penn's campus and culture. As we turn to the future, I have every confidence that Mark's forward-thinking vision, steady leadership, and deep commitment to Penn's mission will guide us forward with strength and purpose."

From the President

Penn's Title IX Resolution with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights

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with NCAA eligibility rules and Title IX as then interpreted.

- Penn has always followed—and continues to follow—Title IX and the applicable policy of the NCAA regarding transgender athletes. NCAA eligibility rules changed in February 2025 with Executive Orders 14168 and 14201, and Penn will continue to adhere to these new rules.
- Penn has never maintained a policy of its own regarding the participation of transgender athletes in intercollegiate sports. Nor do we maintain our own policies related to other NCAA rules. We adhere to NCAA and Ivy League rules that are designed to ensure fair and transparent athletic competitions for all schools and participants.
- Consistent with the federal government's current interpretation of Title IX and current NCAA policies, we have signed a resolution agreement with the Department of Education that includes the following actions:

- Releasing a [public statement](#) reaffirming our commitment to fully comply with Title IX in all of our athletic programs and to continuously adapt our practices as Title IX evolves over time. This includes adhering to definitions of sex—with respect to women's athletics—that have been set out through two specific Executive Orders.
- While Penn's policies during the 2021-2022 swim season were in accordance with NCAA eligibility rules at the time, we acknowledge that some student-athletes were disadvantaged by these rules. We recognize this and will apologize to those who experienced a competitive disadvantage or experienced anxiety because of the policies in effect at the time.
- We will review and update the Penn women's swimming records set during that season to indicate who would now hold the records under current eligibility guidelines.

Penn remains committed to fostering a community that is welcoming, inclusive, and open to all students, faculty, and staff. I share this commitment, just as I remain dedicated to preserving and advancing the University's vital and enduring mission. We have now brought to a close an investigation that, if unresolved, could have had significant and lasting implications for the University of Pennsylvania.

—J. Larry Jameson, President

Penn Professional Staff Assembly 2025-2026

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Penn Professional Staff Assembly (PPSA) Executive Board and Committee Representatives for their commitment and dedication to providing an extensive range of valuable resources to full-time staff and the community at large at the University. The PPSA has consistently met the needs of staff in collaboration with the Division of Human Resources and numerous colleagues across the campus. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, PPSA events attracted thousands of registered participants from our Penn community. We are grateful to all who generously dedicate their time to this organization and to the many Penn staff members who actively engage with our events.

Please visit ppsa.upenn.edu to learn more about the PPSA, subscribe to our mailing list, and register for upcoming events for the 2025-2026 academic year. As we look to the 2025-2026 academic year, we are pleased to introduce the new and continuing members of the PPSA board, council, independent committee representatives, and appointed positions.

—PPSA Tri Chairs 2024-2025: Tonya Bennett, Dawn Maglicco Deitch, Natalie Dury Green

2025-2026 PPSA Executive Board

Tri-Chairs

Chair: Dawn Maglicco Deitch, Executive Director, Office of Government and Community Affairs
Chair-Elect: Justin Purohit, Manager, Property Management Accounting Operations, Office of the Comptroller

Past Chair: Tonya Bennett, Director of Educational Technology, Penn Vet

Members at Large

2024-2026 Term

Joseph-James Ahern, Senior Archivist, University Archives
Lamesha Brown, Director, College Achievement Program
Elona Canaj, Business System Analyst, Penn Vet
Monica Jacobs, Director of Advising, Wharton Undergraduate Division

2025-2027 Term

Jeremy Gatens, IT Director, Division of Human Resources
Alisha George, Assistant/Web Editor, *Almanac*
Erika Gross, Chief Operating Officer, Wellness at Penn
Matthew Kennedy, Director of Parking, Penn Parking and Commuter Services

Appointments

LISTSERV Manager: Adam Sherr, Director of Crossfunctional Training, Senior Application Data Analyst, Office of University Registrar

Secretary: Dee Patel, Director of Content, Wharton Marketing & Communications

Treasurer: Jillian Powell, Director of Budget and Analysis, Provost Administrative Affairs

Webmaster: Mayumi Hirtzel, IT Senior Project Leader, ISC

Communications Manager: Andy Maynard, Associate Director of Data Analysis, Development & Alumni Relations

Book Club Manager: Katherine Toder, Research Project Manager, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

2025-2026 PPSA Committee Representatives

Veronica Aplenc, Noemí Fernández, Natalie D. Green, AJ Jacobs, Abby Kalkstein, Christopher Klaniecki, Jenny Luong, Elisabeth Maselli, Kait Johnstone, Francesca Pugh-Opher, Bethany Robblee Schell, Adam Sherr, Xime Trujillo, Valerie Wrenn, Bruce Zou

**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 **June 30-July 6, 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 **June 30-July**

6, 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>Assault</i>	07/01/25	5:43 AM	3400 Spruce St	Complainant pushed by patient
	07/02/25	1:00 PM	3535 Market St	Simple assault by unknown male
	07/02/25	2:23 PM	3450 Woodland Walk	Unknown offender sent threatening emails to complainant
<i>Auto Theft</i>	07/03/25	5:00 PM	3330 Market St	Simple assault of a Wawa employee reported
	06/30/25	2:14 PM	3200 Market St	Theft of a secured electric scooter
	06/30/25	5:29 PM	3600 Locust Walk	Theft of secured electric scooter from bike racks
	07/01/25	7:13 PM	3900 Delancey St	Theft of a motorized scooter
	07/02/25	2:35 PM	4000 Locust St	Vehicle taken from highway
<i>Bike Theft</i>	07/03/25	4:00 PM	3900 Baltimore Ave	Stolen automobile
	07/05/25	10:57 PM	2929 Walnut St	Theft of a motorized scooter
	06/30/25	5:26 PM	231 S 34th St	Theft of a secured bike taken from bike rack
	07/02/25	4:00 PM	4104 Spruce St	Theft of a bicycle
	07/02/25	12:24 PM	3800 Chestnut St	Theft of a bicycle
<i>Fraud</i>	07/03/25	6:56 PM	3700 Hamilton Walk	Secured bicycle taken from bike rack
	07/01/25	2:51 PM	229 S 41st St	Unknown offender hacked Groupme account
<i>Harassment</i>	06/30/25	1:53 PM	425 University Ave	Complainant received threatening phone calls
<i>Retail Theft</i>	06/30/25	9:40 AM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	06/30/25	9:40 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/01/25	9:35 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/01/25	2:57 PM	3621 Walnut St	Retail theft of clothing items
	07/01/25	9:35 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/02/25	4:53 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/02/25	12:38 PM	3330 Market St	Retail theft of consumable goods
	07/03/25	9:19 AM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/03/25	8:08 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/04/25	6:11 AM	3744 Spruce St	Retail theft of consumable goods
	07/06/25	5:00 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/06/25	5:00 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/06/25	7:30 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	07/01/25	9:39 PM	Confidential	Confidential
<i>Sex Offense Theft from Vehicle</i>	06/30/25	1:11 PM	3400 Market St	Stolen motorcycle license plate
	07/02/25	10:00 AM	4207 Baltimore Ave	Theft of automobile; no forced entry
	07/04/25	7:43 PM	3600 Civic Center Blvd	Emblem removed from hood of vehicle in parking garage

Philadelphia Police 18th District

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

Below are the crimes against persons from the 18th District: 9 incidents were reported for **June 30-July 6, 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/Arrest</i>	07/03/25	5:06 AM	3300 Market St
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	06/30/25	9:17 PM	4600 Market St
	07/04/25	8:50 AM	235 Buckingham Place
<i>Assault</i>	07/05/25	3:56 PM	4000 Blk Market St
	07/01/25	6:19 AM	3400 Blk Spruce St
	07/01/25	3:55 PM	3930 Pine St
	07/04/25	12:35 PM	2929 Walnut St
	07/01/25	11:21 PM	3700 Blk Chestnut St
<i>Rape</i>	07/06/25	12:47 AM	4604 Kingessing Ave
<i>Robbery</i>			

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 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 [UPennAlert Emergency Notification System](#).
- Download the [Penn Guardian 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.)

Penn Museum Announces the Return of Weekly Garden Jams Outdoor Concerts



Penn Museum's Garden Jams return to Stoner Courtyard on Wednesdays in July.

Garden Jams, the Penn Museum's weekly outdoor summer concert series, returns on Wednesday evenings July 16, 23, and 30. Garden Jams features a happy hour with cocktails along with food trucks in historic Stoner Courtyard and after-hours access to the museum's galleries and exhibitions, including *Preserving Assyria* and *Into the Blue: The Pursuit of a Color*, until 8 p.m.

The full musical lineup for the 2025 Garden Jams summer season includes:

Vertical Current—July 16 from 5-8 p.m.

A dynamic band fusing jazz, funk, soul, and gospel blended into an electrifying musical experience, Vertical Current delivers rich, energetic performances.

Philly Bomba Plena—July 23 from 5-8 p.m.

Inspired by call-and-response vocals, percussion, and powerful dance moves, Philly Bomba Plena is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the vibrant Afro-Caribbean traditions of Puerto Rico.

Malidelphia—July 30 from 5-8 p.m.

Fusing the traditional sounds of Mali with Philadelphia's musical landscape, Malidelphia stems from West African griot traditions—mixing kora melodies, percussion, and deep soulful grooves.

Private tables and add-on experiences such as pre-paid drinks and Penn Museum tours offer meaningful opportunities for reunions, group getaways, and team-building. These amenities are available with advance purchase.

Admission is \$15 for the public, \$5 for PennCard holders, and free for Penn Museum members. In case of inclement weather, concerts will move indoors.

Mass Notification System Provider Change

Change is coming to UPennAlert, Penn's emergency notification system. As part of a systems improvement effort, Penn is changing its mass notification system provider.

You will still view and receive alerts in the same methods—via SMS text on your cellphone, via your Penn email, and posted on the DPS website. The look will be different, and the number from which you receive the UPennAlert will change.

Contact Information

- Faculty, staff, temporary staff, and postdocs will maintain their UPennAlert contact information in their [Workday](#) profile starting August 5, 2025. Contact information will automatically be migrated from the Penn Directory to Workday; until then, make changes as needed in the [Penn Directory](#).
- Students will continue to maintain and update their UPennAlert contact information at [Path at Penn](#).
- UPHS employees will continue to register and update their contact information through the [UPHS Phone Book](#).

Alert Messaging

- After August 5, text messages received on your phone from the UPennAlert system will be sent from a different number.
- The look of the UPennAlert posting on the Public Safety website will change. The text message will link you directly to the full alert content, as always.

Testing

- The new system will be tested on August 6, 2025, at noon.
- First, you will receive an email notification in advance for awareness. Then, on August 6, you should receive an email and, if you have a cell phone registered for UPennAlert, a text message.

The [Division of Public Safety](#) website offers details on the change. [Contact us](#) with any questions or concerns.

—Division of Public Safety

Update

Summer AT PENN

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

7/16 *July Storytime*; reading of *We Are Water Protectors*, written by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Michaela Goade, followed by movement activities and crafting; 10:30 a.m.; outdoor classroom, Morris Arboretum & Gardens (Morris Arboretum & Gardens).

FITNESS & LEARNING

7/17 *Effective Research Poster Design and Communication*; learn how to create an effective poster and practice your "elevator pitch" skills; will cover how to communicate your research more effectively, beginning with the "what and why" of poster sessions; 6 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/curf-workshop-july-17> (Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships).

Graduate School of Education

Online webinars. Info and to register: <https://www.gse.upenn.edu/news-and-events/events-calendar>.

7/15 *Executive Coaching Certificate Program: Virtual Information Session*; 11:30 a.m.

Penn Libraries

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

7/15 *Coffee with a Codex: On the Spirit and the Soul*; Kislak Center curator will show attendees a 15th century Italian manuscript of treatise *De spiritu et anima*; noon; Zoom webinar.

7/22 *Studio Use Training: Letterpress Printing*; learn and practice the basics of letterpress printing and typesetting; 2-4 p.m.; Common Press, Fisher Fine Arts Library.

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

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Two New Exhibits at Penn's Institute of Contemporary Art

Mavis Pusey: *Mobile Images*: Through December 7, 2025

This exhibition marks the first major museum survey dedicated to the work and life of Jamaican-born artist Mavis Pusey (1928-2019), featuring over 60 artworks from her prolific 50-year career. An important figure in geometric abstraction, Ms. Pusey created rich abstract paintings and works on paper that reflect her wide-ranging engagement with fashion, printmaking, and the urban environment of cities in which she lived. Despite her international presence in the art world, Ms. Pusey's work has largely remained overlooked. This comprehensive retrospective is the culmination of over a decade of research and collaboration and offers an expansive re-examination of Ms. Pusey's impact on abstraction and beyond.

Much of her work addresses themes deeply connected to contemporary life, including her "Broken Construction" series (1960s-1990s), which explores the artist's powerful use of destruction and renewal as metaphors for societal change. These works, along with others, are further contextualized through the inclusion of photographs, personal notes, and archival materials, offering invaluable insights into Ms. Pusey's practice and the historical context surrounding her boundary-pushing work. Mavis Pusey's significant contributions to abstract art are explored in this exhibition, deepening our understanding of her lasting impact on contemporary artistic discourse.

Mavis Pusey: Mobile Images is co-organized by the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) at the University of Pennsylvania and the Studio Museum in Harlem. This exhibition is curated by Hallie Ringle, interim director and the Daniel and Brett Sundheim Chief Curator at the ICA, with Kiki Teshome, curatorial assistant at the Studio Museum in Harlem. The presentation of the artist's archival materials is curated by Teshome.

Entryways: *Xenobia Bailey*: Through August 9, 2026

Entryways: Xenobia Bailey continues the collaboration between ICA and New York-based textile studio Maharam, which invites artists to reimagine the windows of ICA's façade. For the 2025-2026 edition, Philly-based artist Xenobia Bailey created a design characterized by her "Funktional" aesthetic and rooted in her decades-long fiber arts practice. *Entryways: Xenobia Bailey* is organized by Denise Ryner, the Andrea B. Laporte Curator.

ICA galleries are open Wednesday-Sunday from noon-6 p.m. Admission is free.



Photos Courtesy of the Institute of Contemporary Art.

(Above) Abstract painter Mavis Pusey posed here in front of a portion of her work "Within Manhattan."

(Below) Philly-based artist Xenobia Bailey's "funktional" designs.

