Lance Freeman and Jamaal Green: Provostial Appointments in the Department of City and Regional Planning

The Weitzman School recently announced two faculty appointments for Academic Year 2020-2021 in the department of city and regional planning: Lance Freeman, a professor at Columbia University, as the Provost’s Distinguished Visiting Faculty Fellow, and planner and geographer Jamaal Green as a Post-Doctoral Fellow.

Each year, Penn appoints a senior scholar of national or international prominence as the Provost’s Distinguished Visiting Faculty Fellow based on a record of promoting civic engagement, scholarly innovation and inclusive communities. Dr. Freeman’s is the first such appointment at Weitzman. “We are at a watershed moment in American history for how we think about cities—who they serve well, who they do not, and how we can do better,” said Penn Provost Wendell Pritchett. “Lance Freeman and Jamaal Green will provide invaluable insights into this urgent work.”

“I very much look forward to Lance and Jamaal’s contributions to our School and the University,” said Fritz Steiner, dean and Paley Professor at the Weitzman School. “I’m confident they’ll forge important connections here.”

“At a time when social justice has moved to the center of our national conversation, we need to better understand the ways in which housing policy supports or hinders our progress,” said Lisa Servon, the Kevin and Erica Penn Presidential Professor and chair of city and regional planning. She also leads the Penn Planning Equity Initiative (PPEI), a wide-ranging effort at Weitzman which aims to redefine planning research and practice, promote action research and its application, and stimulate public dialogue.

Dr. Freeman is a professor in the urban planning department at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, where she was focused on ensuring that the student community was seen, heard, valued, and supported.

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The Launder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania recently announced three new appointments that will strengthen Launder’s ability to fulfill its mission of developing outstanding business leaders who look globally, engage locally, and act responsibly to have a powerful impact in the world.

Melissa C. Thomas-Hunt and Geoffrey Garrett have been named Senior Global Fellows. As head of global diversity and belonging at Airbnb, Dr. Thomas-Hunt leads the strategy and execution of global internal diversity, inclusion, equity, and belonging programs. An expert on building inclusive, global teams, Dr. Thomas-Hunt joined Airbnb from Vanderbilt University, where she served as Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence. In that role, she was responsible for helping advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in Vanderbilt’s academic research and community of students, faculty, and staff. Prior to her work at Vanderbilt, she served as global chief diversity officer at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, where she was focused on ensuring that the student community was seen, heard, valued, and supported.

Jennifer Pinto-Martin: University Ombuds

Jennifer A. Pinto-Martin, Viola MacInnes/Independence Professor of Nursing and Executive Director of the Center for Public Health Initiatives in the School of Nursing and Professor of Epidemiology in the Perelman School of Medicine, has agreed to serve as University Ombuds, beginning on July 1, 2020 for a two-year term, President Amy Gutmann announced. Dr. Pinto-Martin succeeds Lynn Hollen Lees. “We are grateful to Lynn who served Penn exceedingly well as Ombuds following her distinguished service as Vice Provost for Faculty,” said President Gutmann. “Jennifer, who served as chair of the Faculty Senate from 2018 to 2019, currently serves as the Chair of its ad hoc Committee Planning for Post-Pandemic Penn. Recently named one of two inaugural Penn Nurse Innovation Fellows, Jennifer has a record of University-wide service and experience, a breadth and depth of knowledge about Penn and higher education more broadly, and excellent judgement that will be invaluable during her term as University Ombuds. I am delighted that she has agreed to serve in this important role.”

An expert on autism and developmental disabilities, Dr. Pinto-Martin served as the Director, of Penn’s Master of Public Health Program for 12 years. From 2001-2018 she also served as the Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology, which is one of six CDC-funded regional centers that together are conducting the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED). She holds appointments as a Senior Scholar at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics (LDI), and the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCEB). Dr. Pinto-Martin is a member of the Scientific Review Committee, National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, American Public Health Association, Society for Epidemiological Research and the International Society for Autism Research.

Dr. Pinto-Martin earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University, and a master’s degree in public health and a PhD in epidemiology, both from the University of California.
Deaths

David Cottrell, II, PSOM
Dr. David C. Cottrell II, former clinical assistant professor in PSOM, died June 5 at his home in Winfield. He was 86.
He earned a BA from the University of Tennessee in 1955 and his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He then served in the United States Army. He was stationed at Okinawa, Japan, and was honorably discharged in 1962 with the rank of captain.
Dr. Cottrell did his internship at HUP and joined the faculty at Penn as an assistant instructor and research fellow in orthopedic surgery in 1962. The next year he became an assistant instructor and resident in the same department. He went on to become an associate instructor and then an associate clinical educator. He became a clinical assistant professor in 1980.
Dr. Cottrell left Penn in 1985 to start a private practice in Bryn Mawr, which he later moved to Sellersville. He performed surgery at the Sunbury Community Hospital and Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg until his retirement in 2000.
Dr. Cottrell was a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.
His professional memberships included the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society, the Eastern Orthopedic Association, and the Pennsylvania Medical Association.
He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Beaver; son, David “Chad” Cottrell, III; daughter, Catherine Cottrell (Jack Reilly); granddaughter, Eleanor June Reilly; and two nephews and a niece.

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

Recognizing Juneteenth
I was so grateful to Dr. Gutmann for encouraging the observance of Juneteenth this year. I am disappointed to see that Juneteenth has not yet made it to the list of Recognized Holidays for Fiscal Year 2021. Hopefully this encouragement will become a recognition sooner rather than later.
Thanks so much for taking the time to read my comment.
—Catherine E Smith
Clinical Research Coordinator

Supporting the Penn for PILOTS Petition
Over the past several decades, Penn has made increasingly significant financial and educational investments in its West Philadelphia community. Those efforts should be acknowledged with respect and indeed with pride by all of us who are associated with the University.
Now, however, Penn must do more. One of the nation’s 10 wealthiest universities is located in the poorest of the 10 largest American cities. The consequences of that poverty for education are profound. Philadelphia’s public schools have for decades been grossly underfunded, their students the victims of inexcusable Commonwealth indifference and systemic political incompetence. The pandemic will cause further reductions in budget allocations to public education and further harm to the city’s public school students.
Penn cannot by itself solve all the many problems the School District’s students and teachers confront: from the elimination of vital student support services, to the remediation of toxic asbestos, to the educational deficits incurred by too-large classes.
However, while Penn cannot solve all those problems, it can assist in addressing some of them. The proposed Educational Equity Fund, administered independently of Penn’s administration, offers the most democratic and effective mechanism for the allocation of the funds that Penn would contribute.
Recall that 86% of the students in Philadelphia’s public schools are young people of color, 52% African-American. These students and their families and their teachers deserve better, and Penn can and must play a substantial part in the effort to make things better.
The time has always been right for Penn to join the other universities that have agreed to enter into PILOT arrangements. But the time has never been more crucially right, in the wake of the pandemic, the resulting economic impact, and the growing nationwide awareness of the racism that has for centuries so profoundly disfigured our civic life, and continues to do so today.
I join with my colleagues in urging Penn’s administration and trustees to move expeditiously toward the implementation of the necessary PILOT agreements. The University’s participation in this program will confirm our dedication to Philadelphia and its citizens, and especially to the city’s young people.
—Peter Conn
Vartan Gregorian Professor of English Emeritus; Professor of Education

Charles Heaton, PSOM
Charles L. Heaton, former associate professor of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 29. He was 85.
After acquiring a BS from Texas A&M University in 1957, Dr. Heaton earned a doctor of medicine degree from Baylor University College of Medicine in 1961. He completed an internship at Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston and his residency at Baylor University College of Medicine in dermatology. From 1965 to 1967, Dr. Heaton was in the US Public Health Service, where he attained the rank of a lieutenant commander.
He joined the faculty at Penn in 1966 as an associate in dermatology. He moved up to assistant professor and then associate professor in the same department. Dr. Heaton was also a senior attending physician and the chief of dermatology at Philadelphia General Hospital in the mid-1970s. He received an honorary MA degree from Penn in 1973. He left Penn in 1978 to join the faculty at the University of Cincinnati, where he became an emeritus professor of dermatology.
Dr. Heaton was a diplomat of the American Board of Dermatology; an elected fellow of the American College of Physicians; an honorary life member of the American Academy of Dermatology; and a member of: The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the American Medical Association, the Society of Investigative Dermatology, the American Venereal Disease Association, the American Society for Investigative Dermatology, the American Dermatological Association, and the Cincinnati Dermatological Society.
Dr. Heaton authored more than 35 articles in scientific journals and 12 chapters of various books. He also authored Audiovisual Course in Venereal Disease in 1972 and co-authored Manual of Dermatology in 1980 with DM Pillsbury. Dr. Heaton was selected as Leading Dermatologist in the National Publications of Leading Professionals 2020 for his lifetime of dedication to his profession.
He is survived by his sister, Kathleen Heaton.

John Lewis, Honorary Degree Recipient
John Lewis, US Representative for Georgia’s 5th Congressional District, died on July 17 at the age of 80. After his death, President Amy Gutmann posted, “John Lewis was the truest of American heroes. He lived a life of the utmost courage, standing up to Jim Crow and countless assaults on the inalienable rights of Black Americans. He fought tirelessly for civil rights and social justice for all, and became the conscience of the United States Congress. It was a personal honor to know him, and present him with an honorary degree from Penn [eds. note: see Almanac March 20, 2012]. When you were with him, you knew you were in the presence of greatness. What a glorious life he lived, and how blessed we are as a country by the sacrifices he made and the positive change he brought about. We honor his memory as we work together to live up to his inspiring words: ‘… if you follow your truth through the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself.’”

Speaking Out welcomes reader contributions. Short, timely letters on University issues can be accepted by Thursday at noon for the following Tuesday’s issue, subject to right-of-reply guidelines. Advance notice of intention to submit is appreciated. —Eds.
Lauder Institute Appointments

Management and her undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University.

Geoff Garrett is the dean at the USC Marshall School of Business, where he is also the Dean’s Chair in Business Administration and professor of management and organization. Prior to serving as dean of the Wharton School from 2014 to 2020, Dr. Garrett was dean of the business schools at both The University of Sydney and UNSW and founding CEO of the United States Studies Centre in his native Australia. He also served as president of the Pacific Council on International Policy, and as founding dean of the International Institute and Vice Provost of International Studies at UCLA. Earlier in his career, he also held academic appointments not only at Wharton and at USC, but also at Oxford, Stanford and Yale universities.

Dr. Garrett is a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Social Sciences, a winner of the Foreign Policy Association Award and the Advance Global Australian Award, and a member of the board of directors of Park Hotels and Resorts. He also sits on the Advisory Boards of the Indian School of Business and the Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management in Beijing. Dr. Garrett was the first K-9 officer for the UPPD’s first K-9 officer (Almanac October 8, 2013). She and Socks enrolled in The John ‘Sonny’ Burke Canine Training Center, Woodbine, NJ; graduating on December 20, 2013. In addition to being trained as an ordnance detection canine, Socks received certification in scent tracking as well. She served with the UPPD for seven years as an ordnance detection dog.

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FactCheck.org: Society of Professional Journalists Award

FactCheck.org has won a 2019 Sigma Delta Chi Award for fact-checking from the Society of Professional Journalists.

“This award recognizes excellence in fact-checking, in a single work distributed on any platform,” including print, online, TV, radio “or shared by other means, such as in a podcast,” according to SPJ.

The winning entry was FactCheck.org’s August 2019 story “Trump’s Steel Industry Claims,” (https://www.factcheck.org/2019/08/trumps-steel-industry-claims/), written by Lori Robertson and Eugene Kiely. The story took an in-depth look at President Donald Trump’s repeated claims that the steel industry went from “dead” or “going out of business” to “thriving” because of the 25% tariffs he imposed on imported steel.

This is FactCheck.org’s second Sigma Delta Chi Award. The staff of FactCheck.org won the non-deadline reporting award for independent news sites in 2010 for healthcare reporting. That entry included five stories.

Fulbright Awardees

Penn’s 2020-2021 Fulbright Award recipients include a total of 16 Penn recent graduates and current students.

The Fulbright Program is the US government’s flagship international educational exchange program. Penn’s applicants are supported by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF).

Fulbright Study/Research Grants:

Christine Olugun-Samuil (SAS’20) will investigate approaches to mitigate the impact of former apartheid policies on current health inequities in South Africa.

Stephanie Petrella (SAS’17) will examine the role of the business elite in Ukraine’s economic policymaking.

Adam Sax (GAS PhD candidate) will work with Professor Vivian Liska at the Institute of Jewish Studies in Antwerp, Belgium, on his research into “the elegiac and the abyssal” in the work of the post-Holocaust poet, Paul Celan.

Raka Sen (GAS PhD candidate) will study how climate change adaptation in the Indian and Bangladeshi Sundarbans is fundamentally reshaping gender roles in the region.

Adithya Sriman (SEAS/COL’20) will conduct biophysics research in Germany.

Samuel Tellman (SAS’17) will spend this time in Northeastern Brazil, studying changes in the nervous systems of people taking the psychedelically-active brew of Amazonian traditions known widely as Ayahuasca.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant (ETA):

Abby Cacho (SAS’17, GSE’20), Malaysia
Faith Cho (SAS’20), South Korea
Serena Hajjar (SAS’20), Russia
Henry Hoffman (SAS’20), Spain
Natasha Line (SAS’20), Spain
James Nassar (SAS’19), Jordan
Ton Nguyen (SAS’20), Indonesia
Mark Perfact (SAS’18), Germany
Aiden Reiter (W/SAS’20), Laos
Arryonna Santos (SAS’20), Brazil

Guy Grossman: PolNet Best Conference Paper Award

Guy Grossman, associate professor of political science, coauthored a paper that received the Best Conference Paper Award from PolNet, a section of the American Political Science Association.

Dr. Grossman, along with Romain Ferrali, a postdoctoral associate at New York University Abu Dhabi; Melina R. Platas, an assistant professor of political science at New York University Abu Dhabi; and Jonathan Rodden, a professor of political science at Stanford University, authored the paper, “It Takes a Village: Peer Effects and Externalities in Technology Adoption.” The paper offers a novel theoretical development linking together two strands of research: how networks shape our behavior, and the degree to which technology can improve government outcomes and civic engagement.

PennChart Genomics Project: AAMC GIR Excellence Award

Penn Medicine’s PennChart Team was recently recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) with this year’s Group on Information Resources (GIR) Excellence Award. The implementation team, which is made up of representatives from Information Services, clinical workgroups and Penn’s genomics research efforts, was recognized formally at the AAMC’s Virtual Membership Webinar earlier this month.

The ‘Excellence Award is given to individuals and teams that have “contributed to a work of excellence in academic medical information technology domain” that supports the mission of their institution in innovative ways. Created last year, it’s one of just two awards that the GIR dispenses.

The Penn Medicine team’s efforts are important because they make PennChart, the health system’s electronic medical record, able to easily receive and store a patient’s genomics test results in a standardized way. That makes it easier to use both for clinicians treating single patients and for researchers doing larger projects pulling in large amounts of data.

In addition to standardizing and storing the data itself, the PennChart Genomics Project team also worked to create easy options to order genetic testing directly through the medical record. So not only does existing data become easier to access, but more of it can be acquired if a doctor feels it’s necessary.

The PennChart Genomics Project has taken on multiple efforts, including the development of specific areas in the electronic medical record for not just patents’ genetic testing, but genetic testing records from family members. It has also organized the data into a discrete form that can be released to patients as well as drive their clinicians’ decisions.

A pipeline established with a specific lab went live in January, adding 62 different types of genetic testing that can be ordered directly through PennChart, including some that require just one click. Penn Medicine clinicians have ordered almost 200 tests directly through the electronic medical records, with roughly half returning results already.

Catherine Lee: AAPD Resident Recognition Award

Penn Dental Medicine pediatrics resident Catherine Lee (D’18, GD’20) has been honored by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) with its Resident Recognition Award. The award recognizes pediatric dental residents doing innovative and interesting activities in their training programs.

Presented quarterly, winners are chosen based on activities during their residencies that contribute to patient care, education, research, and/or community service. Innovation, time commitment, and significance of service to others are the primary factors considered in the selection process. Selection is made by members of the AAPD Residents Committee, New Dentist Committee, and Board Liaisons.

Dr. Lee has helped the School’s predoctoral students learn about pediatric dentistry as a rewarding career path, organizing annual lectures by Penn alumni who are pediatric dentists.

She has planned activities to honor retiring pediatric faculty and welcome alumni back to campus, and she helped raise the profile of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry by conceiving and producing the Division’s first alumni newsletter. In addition, Dr. Lee worked with Penn Dental’s Office of Institutional Advancement to organize the first Penn Dental Medicine alumni reception at the annual American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry meeting in Chicago last May attended by over 40 graduates, many of whom had not connected with the School and each other in many years.

Introducing DMD students and residents to the power of advocacy, Dr. Lee participated in visits to congressional delegations in Washington to acquaint legislators with the crisis of oral health access disparities. She has advocated for patients and organized a book drive to make books available to send home with children coming to the School for care.

In addition, Dr. Lee has actively supported many community outreach activities at the School—from the annual oral cancer walk to the Give Kids A Smile Day.

Paul Mather: AHA 2020 Physician of the Year

Paul J. Mather, cardiologist and professor of clinical medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, has been named the American Heart Association’s (AHA) 2020 Physician of the Year.

The annual award is presented to a practicing physician who has rendered outstanding contributions to advancing the AHA’s mission of building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Dr. Mather, who was twice president of AHA’s regional boards of directors, will receive the award at the Gold Heart Awards Luncheon on October 28 in Plano, Texas.

A cardiologist who specializes in heart failure and cardiac transplantation, Dr. Mather (continued on page 5)

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Penn Vet Researchers: COVID-19 Pilot Awards

Eight researchers from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania have been selected to receive distinctive COVID-19 Pilot Awards from the Penn Vet COVID Research Innovation Fund. The Fund, provided with critical start-up support through a generous gift from Vernon and Shirley Hill, will bolster Penn Vet’s rapidly expanding research and response program to fight the novel coronavirus.

Studies funded demonstrate Penn Vet’s unique and collective expertise in pathogen-related research, infectious disease, and translational medicine to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 Penn Vet COVID-19 Pilot Award recipients are:

- **Montserrat C Anguera**, Associate Professor, and **Andrew E. Vaughan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences (both), “Investigation of the Genetic and Hormonal Contributions for Male-biased COVID-19 Disease”
- **Ronald N. Hardy**, Professor of Pathobiology and Microbiology, Department of Pathobiology, “SARS-COV-2 Virus-Host Interactions and Therapeutic Intervention”
- **De’Broski R. Herbert**, Associate Professor, Department of Pathobiology, “Cross-species SARS-COV-2 Transmission”
- **Christopher A. Hunter**, Mindy Halikman Heyer Distinguished Professor of Pathobiology, Department of Pathobiology, “The Role of IL-27 in Limiting the Development of Cytokine Storms”
- **Elizabeth M. Lennon**, Pamela Cole Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences and Advanced Medicine, “SARS-COV-2: Role of Housecats as a Reservoir for Human Infection”
- **Michael J. May**, Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, “Targeting Lymphatic Endothelial IKKα: A Novel Therapeutic Strategy for Treatment of COVID-19”
- **Ellen Puré**, Grace Lansing Lambert Professor of Biomedical Science, Chair, Department of Biomedical Sciences, “Defining the Cellular and Molecular Basis of Aggressive-Inflammatory Response to SARS-COV-2 Infection”

In addition to the Pilot Awards, Penn Vet’s COVID-19 Research Innovation Fund is also supporting the Working Dog Center’s COVID-19 canine scent detection study (Almanac May 12, 2020). The pilot training program is using scent detection dogs in a laboratory setting to discriminate between saliva and urine samples from COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 negative patients.

**Rakesh Vohra:**

**SIGecom Test of Time Award**

Rakesh Vohra, George A. Weiss and Lydia Bravo Weiss University Professor, has won the 2020 SIGecom Test of Time Award for his paper, “Calibrated Learning and Correlated Equilibrium.”

The SIGecom Test of Time Award recognizes research published between 10 and 25 years ago that has, as the name suggests, stood the test of time in its field. SIGecom is the Association for Computing Machinery’s Special Interest Group on Economics and Computation, so it celebrates work that has “significantly impacted research or applications exemplifying the interplay” of those two topics.

Dr. Vohra’s paper, originally published in the journal Games and Economic Behavior in 1997, has served as an essential contribution to the literature on game theory.

Dr. Vohra is a Penn Integrates Knowledge professor with appointments in Penn Arts and Sciences’ Department of Economics and Penn Engineering’s Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering. He works at the intersection of economics, systems engineering, computer science and business, and is the co-director of the Warren Center for Network & Data Sciences. He is best known for his work on forecasting in low information environments and his many contributions to the economic field of mechanism design.

**Shu Yang:**

**Manufacturing PA Innovation Grant**

Shu Yang, professor in the SEAS departments of materials science engineering and chemical and biomolecular engineering, has been awarded a Manufacturing PA Innovation grant to develop a new kind of medical adhesive. Inspired by the biology of snails, the gel-based adhesive could be applied to open wounds, then harden into a protective film.

The Manufacturing PA Innovation Program aims to capitalize on the cutting-edge science and engineering research of Pennsylvania’s educational institutes by forging partnerships between them and the manufacturing sector.

Dr. Yang was awarded approximately $70,000 to fund an application of her “snail glue” research. This research centers on creating durable adhesives that mimic a snail’s epiphragm—a slimy structure that conforms to a given surface and hardens to protect and anchor snails in dry environments.

Dr. Yang will collaborate with Anand Jagota, professor and founding chair of the department of bioengineering at Lehigh University, and Adhezion Biomedical to fabricate an innovative hydrogel adhesive for wound closure. Leaning on their prior research, the team aims to develop a durable adhesive that is also biocompatible.

Dr. Yang envisions that when a snail-slime-inspired hydrogel is placed on a wound, the adhesive will suck up water from the wound’s blood and instantly cure to form a solid film. This curing process would allow the patient to move more freely, as the film would be able to stick to the wound without fracturing under stress.
Ms. Anderson officially retired from the stage in 1965. Ms. Anderson’s life and career continues to be celebrated and studied by a diverse group of learners from schoolchildren to musicologists and social historians. To facilitate the work of teachers, students, and researchers, the Penn Libraries created a research portal, Discovering Marian Anderson, that offers resources for study at all levels.

“The release of this portal will allow researchers to not only freely access digital materials online, but will also ensure Marian Anderson’s story can be explored within the greater context of 400 years of African American history,” noted David McKnight, director of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library. For example, the newly digitized content will be disseminated through University of Minnesota’s UmbrA Search African American History, which links almost 800,000 digital items from over 1,000 archival resources.

April James, reader services librarian at the Penn Libraries’ Kislak Center, has introduced students to Marian Anderson’s work both at the college and elementary levels. “This study portal will make it easier to access her legacy than ever before,” said Ms. James. “I hope students gain a newfound respect for the challenging realities of Marian Anderson’s career. Like countless other Black artists and writers of her time, she negotiated segregation at home and freedom abroad. Music allowed her to transcend these barriers and help her audiences see the possibility of a more inclusive future.”

The website simplifies the discovery of the digital content through finding aids and browseable listings of scrapbooks, notebooks, diaries, photographs, interviews, and recordings.

The completed digitization work has already enabled further exploration of Ms. Anderson’s daily life and reflections as a concert singer: Penn Libraries staff have transcribed more than 1,500 pages of her handwritten diaries, notebooks, and letters, so that users will be able to search them by keyword.

“I rightly anticipated that I would find a lot about her domestic and international travels, since she performed around the world,” said Andrea Nuñez, a Penn Libraries archival photographer who has been working to transcribe Ms. Anderson’s journals, “but I was surprised to also learn that she worked as a State Department Goodwill Ambassador and delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. I imagine that the transcribed journals highlighting her governmental work will open up further opportunities to understand the significance of her role during a tumultuous time in history.”

The Marian Anderson collection is housed in the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, and it is jointly curated by the Libraries’ Curator of Manuscripts and Music Librarian. The collection includes Ms. Anderson’s personal archives, which she donated to the University of Pennsylvania Libraries (Almanac April 12, 1977) before her death in 1993, and additional donations from her nephew and Penn alumnus, James DePriest, and the Free Library of Philadelphia.

The body of primary sources in the collection—including letters, diaries, journals, interviews, recital programs, and private recordings—spans the Philadelphia-born contralto’s six-decade career as a concert singer and advocate for social justice.

The digitization project was funded in 2018 by a $110,000 grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources. The newly digitized materials complement a significant collection of 4,000 photographs, which are also publicly accessible (Almanac March 20, 2018).

“Marian Anderson achieved worldwide renown as a singer while breaking racial barriers in the United States, and the Penn Libraries is honored to serve as custodian of her archival legacy,” said Constantia Constantinou, H. Carlton Rogers III Vice Provost and Director of the Penn Libraries. “Through Anderson’s digitized collection, scholars and students worldwide can discover and reflect on her life and career and further illuminate her social, cultural, and historical impact.

Marian Anderson (1897–1993) was born and raised in Philadelphia, with close ties to the community. Best known as an interpreter of art songs and spirituals, Ms. Anderson performed in diverse venues throughout her career, from schools and community centers to formal concert stages.

A world-renowned recitalist, Ms. Anderson was also a high-profile figure in the fight for Civil Rights. After having been denied permission by the Daughters of the American Revolution to perform for an integrated audience in Constitution Hall, Ms. Anderson famously performed an open-air concert for 75,000 people on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. Additionally, in 1955, she was the first Black singer to perform in a lead role on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera.
**Update**

**Summer AT PENN**

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**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES**

**PENN MUSEUM**

**7/31** Summer Exploration Kit: Ancient Engineering and Modern Cities; summer camp activities from home; register: www.penn.museum/calendar/469/summer-exploration-kit

**8/4** Global Voyagers: Destination Egypt!; digital journey to Egypt; 11 a.m.; www.penn.museum/calendar/469/global-voyagers

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**CONFERENCES**

**7/30** Rain: Adaptation: An Evolving Innovation Ecosystem; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; register: https://sciencecenter.org/engage/rain-2020 (Science Center).

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**FITNESS & LEARNING**

**7/29** Admissions Webinar—Accelerated Nursing Programs; virtual information session; noon; RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/y6byz3y8 (Nursing).

**8/3** Between the Lines: Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi; book club meetings; 5:30 p.m.; $5/three meetings; info: www.penn.museum/calendar/455/between-the-lines (PENN Museum). Also August 17, 24.

Join the Penn Museum crew for a digital journey to Egypt on August 4. Examine art of the pharaohs to decipher their ancient codes of communication. Discover what mummies don’t take with them to the Afterlife. Follow along with an ancient story that explains why mummies are wrapped.

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**The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Community Crime Report**

**About the Crime Report: Below are the Crimes Against Persons or Crimes Against Society from the campus report for July 13-19, 2020. Also reported were 3 crimes against property (1 auto theft, 1 fraud, and 1 theft from vehicle). Full reports are available at: https://almanac.upenn.edu/sections/crimes.html or weeks' reports are also online. –Eds.**

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all crimes reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of July 13-19, 2020. The University Police actively patrol from Market St to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd St in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

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**18th District**

**Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 4 incidents (1 aggravated assault and 3 assaults) were reported for July 13-19, 2020 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.**

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**The Role of Federal Dollars to Address Unprecedented State and Local Needs**

Penn IUR and the Volcker Alliance are hosting a webinar July 29, 10 a.m. on the federal role in helping US states and municipalities cope with the massive economic and societal disruption brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Congress has already agreed to provide $2 trillion to help states, cities, and counties battle unemployment and the direct public health costs of COVID-19, the amount is likely to prove insufficient. Over the next two years, states and municipal budgets may be burdened with as much as $1 trillion in revenue shortfalls.

With states and municipalities employing 22 million Americans and accounting for almost a fifth of the nation’s GDP, these budgetary shortfalls pose a dire threat to the American economy.

Moderated by Penn IUR Co-Director, and William Glassglash, Penn IUR Fellow and Senior Vice President and Director of State and Local Initiatives at the Volcker Alliance, the discussion will feature presentations by:

- Thomas DiNapoli, Comptroller, New York State;
- Michael Nutter, former Philadelphia Mayor;
- Fitzroy Lee, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Chief Economist, Washington, DC;
- Nicholas Johnson, Senior Vice President for State Fiscal Policy, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities;
- Stephen Kreisberg, Director of Research and Collective Bargaining, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
- Donald Boyd, Co-Director, Project on State and Local Government Finance, SUNY Albany;
- Marcia Howard, Executive Director, Federal Funds Information for States; and
- Marcia Van Wagner, Vice President—Senior Credit Officer, State Ratings, Moody’s Investors Service.

Register at https://penniur.upenn.edu/events/the-role-of-federal-dollars-to-address-unprecedented-state-and-local-needs

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Dear Parking Permit Holders and Penn Commuters:

During this period of change, we are finding that many members of the Penn Community are rethinking the way they choose to commute to campus. The following information will assist you in understanding the many options available to you—including retaining your parking permit status, carpooling, and public transportation—that best fit your circumstances.

—Penn Transportation and Parking
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Options for Penn Commuters

Free Parking for Penn, UPHS, and Penn Affiliates
Extended Through August

Free parking for Penn, UPHS, and Penn Affiliates at University facilities will continue through the month of August. This free parking is available at these locations: Penn Museum; Chestnut 34; Walnut 38; Walnut 40 Garages; and the Penn Park lot.

Beginning September 1, Penn will resume charging fees to park in all campus garages and lots. As previously announced, permit rates will be held at the FY20 rates through December. Details about the FY21 rates can be found here.

New Options for Those Who May Need to Park on an Occasional Basis

For faculty and staff only driving to campus on an occasional basis (e.g., a couple of days per week or for half days), Penn is introducing three new options at Penn Museum, Chestnut 34, Walnut 38, and Walnut 40 Garages effective September 1st:

• discounted transient/visitor all-day rate of $15, payable on-site,
• evening rate after 3:30 p.m. and an all-day weekend rate of $12, payable on-site, and,
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Information for Commuters Who Wish to Obtain a Parking Permit

Commuters who wish to obtain a parking permit may apply online (https://pennaims.parking.com/) for assignments that will be effective as early as the month of September. Please be aware that parking availability is limited, and it may not be possible to accommodate your preferred option. Once applications are reviewed, an email will be sent to you, advising of lot/garage availability. Applicants will be notified if parking assignments are confirmed and invited to visit the Transportation and Parking Office to pick up access credentials. You also will be notified if spaces are not available and offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. Please note that due to the high demand for parking that we are experiencing, our response time is longer than normal and it may take up to 10 business days to process your application.

Other Helpful Information and Options for Faculty and Staff Returning to Campus

• Penn is experiencing a higher percentage of commuters choosing to drive—and park—their own vehicles. If a garage or lot is closed, signage will direct patrons to other nearby open facilities. To view a map of Penn lots and garages, visit www.upenn.edu/parking. Please note that the Penn Park lot tends to fill up by 7:30 a.m. Penn Museum garage fills by 8:30 a.m. and the Chestnut 34 fills around 9 a.m. The best locations for parking availability are Walnut 38 and Walnut 40 Garages.

• Staff interested in signing up for public transportation can do so with Health Equity/WageWorks. https://idp.pennkeys.upenn.edu/idp/profile/SAML2/Unsolicited/SSO?providerId=WageWorks (please note, when you click this link, you will be directed to add your PennKey and password before accessing this site.) Commuters must place their September order no later than August 10. Please remember to take appropriate precautions when using public transport. Always wear a mask or face covering and do not touch your face. Physically distance to the greatest extent possible. Travel outside of peak commuting times whenever possible. Use antibacterial gel when leaving the vehicle and wash your hands thoroughly when you arrive at your destination.

• For those interested in exploring carpool options, Penn offers a 25% discount on parking permits for 2-passenger carpools, a 50% discount for 3-passenger carpools, and 75% for 4-passenger carpools. Click here to learn more about car pool or van pool programs along with other options available in Penn’s discounted sustainable transit commuting program.

• Penn Transit Services operates fixed-route and on-demand transportation within specific boundaries. This free service is available to PennCard holders. Download the free PennRides on Request mobile application from the Apple Store or Google Play or visit www.upenn.edu/PennTransit for information. Bus and shuttle services resume their normal schedules on Monday, August 24, 2020.

• If you have not traveled to campus recently, sign up for the Division of Public Safety’s Traffic Advisories. Additionally, we remind everyone of Public Safety’s 24/7 Walking Escort Program.

The Transportation and Parking Office will resume operations on campus on Monday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday–Friday. Beginning Friday, August 21, daily hours will expand to 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the meantime, staff may be reached at parking@upenn.edu.

The team at Penn Parking appreciates your support for our services and encourage you to consider the many options that Penn makes available to assist in your commute to, from, and around campus. Thank you!