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## Fritz Steiner: Term Extended as Dean of Weitzman School of Design

Frederick “Fritz” Steiner’s tenure as dean of the Stuart Weitzman School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania is being extended an additional two years, through June 30, 2027.

The announcement, made on Thursday, November 7 by Interim President J. Larry Jameson and Provost John L. Jackson, Jr., is subject to Board of Trustees approval. It follows a review of Dean Steiner’s accomplishments, along with an examination of emerging and strategic opportunities for the Weitzman School.

“Dean Steiner has been an exceptional leader and advocate for the Weitzman School of Design and its innovative programs,” Interim President Jameson said. “We are delighted that he will continue to build on these successes over the next few years and prepare the school for an even brighter future.”

Interim President Jameson said Dean Steiner has adeptly managed the school’s financial resources, spearheading efforts to significantly grow funds for students, faculty, facilities, and school operations. He has also been instrumental in advancing diversity and inclusion



Fritz Steiner

efforts, with increased representation of underrepresented minority faculty and students, while fostering a collegial and inclusive environment. Among recent achievements:

- *An impressive funding and revenue record:* the school’s endowment has more than tripled under his leadership, with significant growth in sponsored research awards, student fellowships, and financial aid funding. In particular, the school has doubled the average financial aid award per student over the past five years.
- *The advancement of the school’s Inclusion and Belonging initiative:* both the standing faculty and student body have become significantly more diverse, with increased attention to inclusion and belonging across the curriculum, culture, and community engagement.
- *The renovation and expansion of Stuart Weitzman Hall:* this project will double existing space and enhance programmatic and educational facilities, with more dedicated space for exhibitions, studios, and research, all of which will lead to increased opportunities for collaboration across the school.

“Dean Steiner’s visionary leadership has ensured that the Weitzman School is well-positioned for ongoing success across every dimension,” said Provost Jackson. “His many accomplishments reflect his approachable and supportive leadership style, which have posi-

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## Mariana Valdes-Fauli: Associate Vice President of Student Registration & Financial Services

Mariana Valdes-Fauli will join Penn as the next associate vice president of Student Registration & Financial Services (SRFS) on December 1, 2024. She emerged as the top candidate after a competitive national search and brings a tremendous amount of experience in leading large, interconnected teams with a focus on delivering excellent student service and financial oversight, said Mark Dingfield, vice president for finance & treasurer.

In this role, Ms. Valdes-Fauli will lead SRFS’s work in student records and registration, student financial aid, student employment, and student accounts, as well as the services provided through the Student Service Center. She will partner with Penn’s schools with a focus on service quality, compliance,



Mariana Valdes-Fauli

process improvement, and operational effectiveness at all levels.

Ms. Valdes-Fauli comes to Penn from the University of Miami, where was the assistant vice president for service and experience excellence for the last six years. In this role, she created and developed the University of Miami’s first one-stop shop to support students in the areas of financial aid, registration and records, and billing and payments. She also partnered with colleagues around the university to innovative ways to make the student journey a more positive and efficient one, and educated and supported staff and students with compliance for applicable regulations and laws. Before her most recent role, Ms. Valdes-Fauli served as chief of staff to the executive vice president and chief operating officer at the University of Miami, and the senior vice president for human resources at Strayer Education, Inc.

Ms. Valdes-Fauli earned a BA from Smith College, an MS in human resource development from Villanova University, and a JD from the University of Florida College of Law. She is looking forward to joining the Penn community with her husband and three children.

## Perelman School of Medicine Researchers Awarded \$11 Million NIH Grant to Study Dementia Risk from Chemical Exposure

To better understand how day-to-day exposures to chemicals early in life can contribute to conditions like Alzheimer’s disease later on, researchers at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, University of California San Francisco, and Emory University have received an \$11 million National Institutes of Health grant. The study will use almost four decades of data pulled from blood and urine tests to measure the levels of pesticides, metals, and other elements among a 5,000-person sample, then match those results with MRI scans and cognitive tests to flag what potentially could contribute to increased risk of neurologic disorders.

“We are striving toward understanding the origins of increased risk of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias,” said the study’s principal investigator, Aimin Chen, a professor of epidemiology at Penn. “If there’s an environmental link, we could encourage reduction of environmental exposures in early- and mid-life, decades before cognitive decline and other dementia symptoms. The findings may also inform environmental health policymaking to potentially reduce instances of brain aging disorders.”

The study samples will come from participants in the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults (CARDIA) Study, which launched in 1983. Made up of roughly equal numbers of Black and white participants, the cohort had an average age of 25 when they became a part of the study. The investigators plan to examine 35 years of tests and data, which follow many participants into their 60s.

Among the data from blood and urine samples that the team will evaluate will be levels of pesticides, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (chemicals previously used in paper, glues, plastics, and electrical transformers), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (once commonly used in flame retardant materials in furniture, rugs, and other items).

Dean Jones, a professor of medicine at Emory, will further analyze the “untargeted exposome”—meaning the known and unknown chemicals in the samples.

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## From the Faculty Senate Office

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

### Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

3-5 p.m. ET

1. Finalize the Minutes of October 16, 2024
2. Tri-Chairs' Report
3. Update from the Office of the President  
Discussion with Interim President J. Larry Jameson
4. Issues Requiring a Vote
  - a. Proposal from the Graduate School of Education to add the advanced senior lecturer track and to increase the cumulative cap on advanced senior lecturers, senior lecturers, and lecturers in educational practice to 40% of the standing faculty
  - b. Proposal from the School of Veterinary Medicine to increase the cap on clinician educators in the school from 50% to 60% of the standing faculty
  - c. Proposal from the Weitzman School of Design to increase the cap on senior lecturers in the school from 20% to 30% of the standing faculty
5. Penn Police Operations and Procedures  
Discussion with Kathleen Shields Anderson, Vice President for Public Safety, and Craig Carnaroli, Senior Executive Vice President
6. New Business

### Applications Sought for Solo Exhibitions at the Burrison Gallery

The Burrison Gallery Advisory Committee invites Penn faculty, staff, and their families to apply for an opportunity to showcase their artwork. Selected artists will be offered a solo exhibition lasting four to five weeks, with the option of hosting an opening reception. Exhibits typically feature no more than 30 works centered around a common theme and medium. Artwork must be two-dimensional (such as paintings, prints, photography, or drawings), framed, and wired for hanging. All pieces must be hung using cables from a wall-mounted track system, allowing for both horizontal and vertical placement. Direct wall mounting is not permitted. The artist is responsible for the installation, with guidance from the gallery. A new exhibition, *Overcoming the Horror of Illness*, will be on display through January 10, 2025. An opening reception will take place at the Burrison Gallery, the Inn at Penn, 2nd floor, 3611 Walnut St., on Friday, November 22, from 5-7 p.m.

For any inquiries or to apply to display artwork, please contact Andreea Dimofte or Jerry Porter, chairs of the Burrison Gallery Advisory Committee, at [burrisongallery@gmail.com](mailto:burrisongallery@gmail.com).

### Wharton Executive Education Helps Business Leaders Achieve Environmental Sustainability with Net-Zero Transformation

Major companies and countries in increasing numbers are pledging a net-zero impact by the middle or end of this century. In fact, the count of businesses officially working on environmental pledges more than doubled from 2022 to 2023 and now exceeds 4,000, according to *Forbes*. Powerful forces are fueling this trend, including government regulations, consumer and investor preferences, and companies' own recognition that sustainability can mean revenue growth. But for many executives, questions remain about how to effectively institute a successful decarbonization program.

The new live online Wharton Executive Education program *Net-Zero Transformation* aims to offer business leaders a practical, research-based road map to sustainability. It helps executives learn to strategize, launch, measure, and report on reductions in their companies' environmental footprint.

"We want to enable firms to take ownership of this topic," said academic director Gad Allon, the Jeffrey A. Keswin Professor and a professor of operations, information and decisions at the Wharton School. "We want them to be able to ask the right questions, discover how to implement programs, and understand both the subject of sustainability and the business implications." Executives will gain insights into sustainable practices around carbon measurement and management with a focus on key areas such as travel and transportation, buildings and construction,

and supply chains. They will investigate regulatory trends, assessing which current or emerging climate policies are likely to impact their firms. The program will also enable them to explore new revenue streams and business-model innovations that decarbonization can yield.

Dr. Allon noted that program participants will also engage with some of the trade-offs involved in decarbonization. For example, an office building from a century ago may have elegant original windows that a restorer recommends preserving. But what if those windows can't meet energy-efficiency standards?

The program's format features live online discussion with Wharton faculty via weekly three-hour sessions, interspersed with self-paced online learning so that participants can work through foundational material at their convenience. Participants will also engage in team collaboration, case studies, and interactive exercises.

*Net-Zero Transformation* will be especially valuable for C-level and senior executives whose companies are committing to sustainability. It will also be relevant for many other senior managers, including environmental-compliance officers, operations and supply chain managers, and nonprofit and NGO leaders.

*Net-Zero Transformation* is now accepting applications. Prospective participants can learn more and apply at [executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu](http://executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu).

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This data will then be compared to MRI images and cognitive function data to prospectively identify visible signatures of these exposures which may be tied to risk for cognitive decline.

On top of those aims, the researchers hope to examine how non-biological "social determinants of health," including education, poverty levels, and historical redlining, play a role in both the exposures and neurological disease risk.

"These factors have often not been addressed in studies and could play a significant role, particularly considering the racial health disparities that have long been observed when it comes to many health conditions," said Li-fang Hou, a professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern and a long-term CARDIA investigator. "We hope to give a clearer picture of how exposures may not be equal among different groups and could be fueling differences in outcomes among people with Alzheimer's and dementia."

For instance, in the case of redlining, if a particular pesticide is determined to be a potential risk factor for Alzheimer's, and a majority of Black residents have higher exposure to those pesticides due to living in proximity to industrial plants or agricultural operations, there could potentially be a difference in risk.

These factors combined with decades of data are important in the study of conditions like Alzheimer's.

"Following someone's path in their earlier years could be key to tracking down preventable risk," said Kristine Yaffe, a professor of psychiatry, neurology, and epidemiology at UC San Francisco.

For example, someone in their 30s who lives in a neighborhood with high pesticide exposure but moves away in their 40s could develop Alzheimer's in their late 60s, but doctors and researchers wouldn't have long-term data to help piece together factors of why it may have occurred.

"Environmental exposures are complex, and the risks tied to them often come as a mixture," Dr. Chen said. "Longitudinal studies with repeated measures of environmental toxicants and Alzheimer's disease/dementia risk are limited. Studies in early mid-life are scarce because they're difficult to secure data for, but they are incredibly valuable."

The team also includes collaborators from State University of New York at Albany and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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tively impacted such key areas as faculty recruitment, infrastructure renewal, donor and alumni stewardship, and student support."

"I couldn't be prouder of the work that our faculty, students, and alumni are doing to build a better future," said Dean Steiner, who also holds the Paley Professorship and teaches in the departments of city and regional planning and landscape architecture. "When you bring artists, designers, planners, and preservationists together, the possibilities are thrilling."

# Honors & Other Things

## 2024 Perelman School of Medicine Awards of Excellence

I take great pride in announcing this year's recipients of the Penn Medicine Awards of Excellence, each of whom was chosen by a committee of distinguished faculty from the Perelman School of Medicine. The awardees exemplify our profession's highest values and epitomize the preeminence we all strive to achieve. Please join me in extending our sincere congratulations to the following award recipients.

—Jonathan A. Epstein, Interim Executive Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania for the Health System & Dean of the Perelman School of Medicine

### Clinical Awards

The Louis Duhring Outstanding Clinical Specialist Award goes to Ellen J. Kim, a professor of dermatology. The Duhring Award recognizes a clinical specialist physician who blends biomedical science, recent advances in clinical research, and insight to provide cutting-edge services to patients and colleagues. The awardee should be able to apply clinical knowledge innovatively and creatively and maintain a commitment to patients that goes beyond the norm and exemplifies Penn Medicine's goal for clinical care and professionalism.

Dr. Kim is a distinguished expert in complex medical dermatology, internationally recognized for her mastery in cutaneous lymphoma, innovative research, and academic leadership. As director of the Penn Cutaneous Lymphoma Program and Photopheresis Service, she has advanced clinical care through groundbreaking studies on novel therapies. As a leader within the Penn Medicine community, she demonstrates an unwavering commitment to education, mentorship, patient well-being, and collaborative excellence across the field.

The Sylvan Eisman Outstanding Primary Care Physician Award goes to Andrew Maier, an associate professor of medicine (general internal medicine). The Eisman Award recognizes a physician in family or general internal medicine, general pediatrics, or obstetrics/gynecology who strives for continuous improvement and the highest quality of practice, while maintaining a commitment to patients that goes beyond the norm and exemplifies the Penn Medicine goals for clinical care, professionalism, and standards for excellence.

Dr. Maier, the medical director at the Edward S. Cooper Clinic, is recognized for his



Ellen Kim

unwavering commitment to continuous improvement and the highest standards of patient care. His exceptional leadership and clinical acumen have driven innovative initiatives like the physician home-visiting program to provide comprehensive care to residents of West Philadelphia and neighboring communities. Dr. Maier's dedicated approach fosters a supportive environment across his team, has a transformative impact on healthcare delivery, and exemplifies Penn Medicine's goals for excellence, compassionate care, and community.

The Luigi Mastroianni, Jr. Clinical Innovator Award goes to Courtney Schreiber, the Stuart and Emily B.H. Mudd Professor of Human Behavior and Reproduction in the department of obstetrics and gynecology. The Mastroianni Award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions toward the invention and development of new techniques, approaches, procedures, or devices that change medical practice and are of major benefit to patient care.

Dr. Schreiber is a pioneering leader in pregnancy care and family planning, having founded the Pregnancy Early Access Center (PEACE) program, which integrates timely, patient-centered healthcare for individuals facing complications during early pregnancy with clinical research. In the spirit of true collaboration, she fosters interdisciplinary partnerships across fields and disciplines. Her groundbreaking contributions in clinical innovation and research have not only changed guidelines and clinical practice, but also resulted in a novel healthcare delivery model that has inspired over 100 similar programs nationwide, promoting health equity, access, and improving outcomes for all.

The Alfred Stengel Health System Champion Award goes to Laurel J. Glaser, an associate professor of pathology & laboratory medicine; Kyle G. Rodino, an assistant professor of pathology & laboratory medicine; and Vivian M. Van Deerlin, a professor of pathology & laboratory medicine. The Stengel Award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions toward the clinical integration and efficiency of the University of Pennsylvania Health System and demonstrated commitment to the improvement of quality care.

Dr. Glaser is a highly respected physician scientist who leads Penn's clinical microbiology laboratory; her extensive expertise in virology significantly enhanced Penn's response to



Courtney Schreiber

COVID-19 pandemic through innovative testing approaches, outreach, data sharing, and clinician support.

Dr. Rodino is the director of the Rittenhouse Molecular Laboratory and demonstrated exceptional leadership in COVID testing and public health during the pandemic, notably developing a validated SARS-CoV-2 viral genome sequencing assay in collaboration with the department of microbiology that monitors virus evolution in Philadelphia and informed critical outbreak investigations and mitigation strategies.

Dr. Van Deerlin is a highly accomplished physician-scientist with extensive experience in molecular diagnostic testing. As the director of Penn Medicine's molecular pathology laboratory and the Penn-wide COVID-19 Saliva Testing Laboratory, she drove remarkable accomplishments in SARS-CoV-2 RNA assay validation and laboratory operations, while also fostering staff development and ensuring rapid, high-quality testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together, Dr. Glaser's, Dr. Rodino's, and Dr. Van Deerlin's selfless leadership and tireless efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the establishment of a comprehensive testing program that conducted over 800,000 tests at Penn and sequenced more than 7,500 SARS-CoV-2 genomes to monitor viral variants. Through innovative project management, outreach, and a steadfast commitment to quality care, they not only enhanced patient management and community health in real time but also laid the groundwork for system-wide improvements that will benefit the health system for years to come.

### Mentoring/Professionalism Awards

The Arthur K. Asbury Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award goes to Raina M. Merchant, a professor of emergency medicine. The Asbury Award recognizes a faculty member who has fostered the professional development of other faculty by providing inspiring and effective counsel in a manner that enables professional growth



Kyle G. Rodino



Vivian M. Van Deerlin



Laurel Glaser



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and development.

Dr. Merchant is a distinguished leader in digital health and a passionate advocate for mentorship. Having mentored over 100 individuals, she exemplifies an unwavering commitment to the professional development of her colleagues and trainees. As the VP and chief transformation officer for Penn Medicine and executive director of the Penn Center for Healthcare Transformation and Innovation, among a number of other leadership roles, she has enriched countless careers through her inspiring counsel, dedication to fostering diversity, and innovative approaches to mentorship that empower the next generation of health services researchers.

The Duncan Van Dusen Professionalism Award for Faculty goes to Abike T. James, a professor of clinical obstetrics & gynecology. The Van Dusen Award recognizes a faculty member whose respectful approach, integrity, self-awareness, and personal accountability are exemplary of the ongoing elevation of the culture at Penn and the promotion of exceptional patient care experiences.

In her inaugural role as vice chair of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the department of obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. James has had a transformative impact on the culture of Penn Medicine, fostering a strong commitment to equity and belonging that resonates throughout the community. Through her leadership of innovative programs and initiatives like the first pipeline program in the department of OB-GYN and the multi-disciplinary health equity work group, among others, she exemplifies the qualities of respect, integrity, and personal accountability, ultimately enhancing the patient care experience for all.

## Research Awards

The Marjorie A. Bowman New Investigator Research Award goes to Michael Harhay, an assistant professor of epidemiology, medicine (pulmonary & critical care) and statistics & data science. The Bowman Award recognizes achievements in the health evaluation sciences, with a particular emphasis on patient-oriented research that addresses fundamental clinical problems as well as the organization and delivery of healthcare.



Michael Harhay

Dr. Harhay is a trailblazing epidemiologist whose innovative research in clinical trial methodology has profoundly advanced patient-oriented outcomes research in critical

care, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and organ transplantation. His exceptional ability to develop and implement cutting-edge statistical frameworks, coupled with his dedication as an educator and collaborator, has positioned him as a leading figure in the health evaluation sciences, significantly transforming approaches to care for critically and seriously ill patients.

The Michael S. Brown New Investigator Research Award goes to César de la Fuente, Presidential Associate Professor in the departments of psychiatry, microbiology, bioengineering, chemical & biomolecular engineering, and chemistry. Established in honor of Nobel Laureate Michael S. Brown, a 1966 Penn School of Medicine alumnus, the Brown Award recognizes emerging faculty investigators engaged in innovative discoveries.

Dr. de la Fuente has emerged as a bold innovator in the field of antibiotic discovery, pioneering the use of artificial intelligence to reveal novel antimicrobial sequences from diverse sources, including extinct organisms, the gut microbiome, and wasp venom. His groundbreaking work bridges biology, engineering, and computer science, accelerating the search for new antibiotics and advancing scientific understanding of host immunity, positioning him as a leader in addressing the pressing challenges of drug-resistant infections.

The Stanley N. Cohen Biomedical Research Award goes to Zoltan P. Arany, Samuel Bellet Professor of Cardiology. The Cohen Award was established in honor of Stanley N. Cohen, a 1960 Penn School of Medicine alumnus whose contributions launched a new era in biological research technology. The award recognizes achievement in the broad field of biomedical research.



Zoltan P. Arany

Dr. Arany, a renowned physician-scientist, is recognized internationally for his transformative research in cardiovascular metabolism, which has profoundly advanced scientific understanding of diseases ranging from peripartum cardiomyopathy to insulin resistance. His innovative approach, combining basic mechanistic studies with cutting-edge methodologies, has not only unveiled paradigm-shifting insights into cardiometabolic physiology but also established him as a leader in the field with significant implications for novel diagnostics and therapeutics.

The Samuel Martin Health Evaluation Sciences Research Award goes to Marilyn M. Schapira, a professor of medicine (general in-

ternal medicine). Established in 1996 to honor the late Dr. Samuel P. Martin, III, executive director of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and chair of the healthcare systems unit of the Wharton School, the Martin Award is granted to a member of the School of Medicine faculty for a body of work with an emphasis on health services research.



Marilyn M. Schapira

Dr. Schapira is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in medical decision-making whose innovative research has advanced the methods and practices essential to support patients in making informed and value-aligned medical decisions. Through her development of a validated measure of health numeracy and decision aids designed for use in the clinical setting, she has made substantial contributions to health services research and the improvement of evidence-based and patient-centered care.

The William Osler Patient Oriented Research Award goes to Yaël P. Mossé, professor of pediatrics (oncology).



Yaël P. Mossé

Established in 1996 to honor Dr. Osler, the "Father of Clinical Medicine" who, in the 1880s, revolutionized clinical teaching research at the School of Medicine, the Martin Award recognizes achievement for research in which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects.

Dr. Mossé is a distinguished physician-scientist whose groundbreaking research on ALK oncogene mutations has transformed the landscape of pediatric oncology, directly enhancing the treatment and outcomes for children with neuroblastoma and other solid tumors. Her work harnessing targeted protein degradation approaches will directly target five essential oncoproteins that drive the growth of childhood solid tumors. As the leader of the neuroblastoma developmental therapeutics program at CHOP, she fosters collaboration across disciplines to translate genomic discoveries into clinical practice, providing hope and innovative therapies for vulnerable patients from around the world.

## Teaching Awards

The Leonard Berwick Memorial Teaching Award goes to Daniel H. Wolf, an associate professor of psychiatry. The Berwick Award was established in 1981 as a memorial to Leonard Berwick by his family and the department of pathology. It recognizes "a member of the medical faculty who in his or her teaching effectively fuses basic science and clinical med-

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icine." This award recognizes outstanding teachers, particularly younger faculty.

Dr. Wolf is dedicated to teaching and mentoring trainees in the care of individuals with psychiatric disorders. As director of the clinical neurosciences training program, head of the laboratory for motivation in psychiatry, and associate director of the psychosis T32 training program, he expertly integrates basic neuroscience research with clinical practice, fostering the development of future leaders in the field.

The Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education goes to Zubair W. Baloch, a professor of pathology & laboratory medicine.

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

Dr. Baloch has made remarkable contributions to the fields of endocrine and head and neck pathology, authoring over 300 peer-reviewed publications and serving in a variety of editorial roles. His dedication to education is exemplified by his recent induction into Penn's Academy of Master Clinicians and numerous accolades, including service as president of the American Society for Clinical Pathology, which has awarded him its Best Educator Award, Arthur Purdy Stout Lectureship Award, and ASCP President's Service Award.

The Jane M. Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award goes to Jeffrey Field, a professor of pharmacology. The Glick Award was established in 2009 by the Glick family in remembrance of Jane Glick and her dedication to the biomedical graduate studies (BGS) programs.

Dr. Field's leadership in the Fundamentals of Pharmacology course has been essential in ensuring that students



Daniel Wolf



Zubair W. Baloch



Jeffrey Field

benefit from the latest advancements in therapeutics, demonstrating his commitment to educational excellence. His innovative teaching style and dedication are routinely lauded by his students and reflect the values that Jane Glick embodied and championed.

The Michael P. Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award goes to Crystal S. Conn, an assistant professor of radiation oncology. The Nusbaum Award was established in 2017 to honor Mikey Nusbaum as he stepped down from his role of BGS director. Mentors embody the skills, experience, and wisdom essential to success in science; they serve as models for how one conducts his or her life in balance with a demanding career; and certain faculty—such as Dr. Nusbaum—play pivotal roles in guiding students in reaching their scholarly potential. All BGS faculty are eligible for this award, which recognizes excellence in graduate (PhD) mentoring.

Dr. Conn has made substantial contributions to mentoring that have made a great impact on their students since they have been at Penn. Dr. Conn's dedication to being a role model for training advocacy, inclusivity, and mentoring students to reach their scholarly potential exemplifies the type of scientist and mentor that Mikey Nusbaum represents.



Ilene Rosen



Crystal S. Conn



John H. Holmes

The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching goes to John H. Holmes, a professor of medical informatics in epidemiology; and Ilene M. Rosen, an associate professor of medicine (sleep medicine). The Lindback Award was established in 1961 with the help of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation to recognize excellence in teaching. Awards are granted each year for distinguished teaching in health and non-health areas.

Drs. Holmes and Rosen's Lindback Awards highlight their extraordinary commitment to education and the transformative impact they have had on the intellectual and personal development of their students. This honor reflects not only their exceptional teaching prowess but also their inspiring dedication to nurturing a dynamic and engaging learning community at Penn.

## Penn Nursing: 2024-2025 Conway Scholars

Penn Nursing has announced its second cohort of Conway Scholars. This program was created with a \$1 million grant from the Bedford Falls Foundation, which was later doubled to extend the duration of funding and expand the total number of scholars from 10 to 15 annually.

Established by philanthropists William (Bill) E. Conway Jr., co-founder and co-chairman of the Carlyle Group, and his late wife, Joanne, the Bedford Falls Foundation is a national leader in supporting nursing. With this commitment, a total of 80 high-merit students with financial need will be awarded scholarships.

"The Bedford Falls Foundation is creating a nursing workforce future filled with experienced and fearless professionals," said Penn Nursing dean Antonia M. Villaruel. "Through their Conway Scholars program at Penn Nursing, we are welcoming students determined to use the skills learned in their first, often non-health field careers, to become nurse leaders wherever they may practice."

"The health of the United States depends on a thriving and sustainable nursing workforce," said Bill Conway. "Knowing that these scholarships are helping future nurses achieve their dreams by helping to reduce the costs of their education is very rewarding. The future of healthcare is brighter because of these students."

The second cohort of Conway Scholars are:

- Fife Adeoshun (Rochester, MN)
- Juan Monroy-Amezquita (Santa Monica, CA)
- Shawnette Campbell (Charlotte, NC)
- Cole Caracappa (Fremont, CA)
- Audrey Chesney (Philadelphia, PA)
- Marcella Dellomo (Blackwood, NJ)
- Dashelle Rose Gleissner (Northampton, MA)
- Gabriela Rivas (Fredericksburg, VA)
- Ellen Spector (Washington, D.C.)
- Xueqian Wang (Seattle, WA)

## WXPN Policy Board Meeting: November 20

An open session of the WXPN Policy Board will meet Wednesday, November 20 at noon at WXPN. For more information, email [abby@xpn.org](mailto:abby@xpn.org) or call (215) 898-0628 during business hours.

## Planning an Event? Email *Almanac*

Mounting an exhibit? Orchestrating a concert? Planning a play? Showing a film? Let *Almanac* know so it can be included in the monthly AT PENN calendar!

*Almanac*'s monthly AT PENN calendar is the only all-inclusive calendar of Penn events on campus. A free listing in the AT PENN calendar increases visibility and attendance.

Email us at [almanac@upenn.edu](mailto:almanac@upenn.edu) with your event details. For more information, visit <https://almanac.upenn.edu/deadlines-for-submitting-at-penn-information>.

**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 **October 28-November 3, 2024**. The crime reports are available at: <https://almanac.upenn.edu/sections/crimes>. Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety (DPS) and contains all criminal incidents reported and made known to the Penn Police, including those reported to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) that occurred within our patrol zone, for the dates of **October 28-November 3, 2024**.

**ber 3, 2024.** The Penn Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from 30<sup>th</sup> Street to 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Street to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street*

<b>Crime Category</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Arson	11/01/24	2:33 AM	4033 Pine St	Smoke bomb ignited inside of the living room/common area; no injuries reported; PFD fire marshall processed and released the scene
Assault	10/28/24	5:38 PM	3800 Walnut St	A group of unknown juveniles struck complainant in the face with a closed fist
	10/28/24	5:41 PM	3600 Sansom St	A group of unknown juveniles struck complainant in the face
	10/28/24	6:12 PM	3600 Sansom St	Unknown juvenile offender struck complainant in the face
	10/29/24	1:18 PM	3400 Spruce St	Unknown offenders spit in complainant's face
	10/29/24	9:00 PM	3900 Chestnut St	Domestic incident
	10/30/24	12:08 PM	3200 Chestnut St	Complainant struck in face by unknown offender
	11/01/24	8:34 AM	3600 Market St	Complainant struck in the head by an unknown offender who fled the area; no injuries reported
Auto Theft	11/01/24	11:53 AM	3925 Walnut St	Theft of a secured motorized scooter from rack
	11/02/24	5:31 PM	233 S 33rd St	Theft of a secured motorized scooter from bike rack
Bike Theft	10/29/24	6:15 AM	200 S 40th St	Unsecured Penn security bicycle taken from side of building
	10/31/24	6:41 PM	3401 Civic Center Blvd	Secured bike taken
Burglary	11/02/24	11:18 AM	140 S 36th St	A burglary of currency from safe was discovered; no force was used
Fraud	10/31/24	8:02 PM	3925 Walnut St	Fraudulent wire transfer made to unknown offender
Harassment	10/30/24	11:07 AM	3700 Walnut St	Known offender continues to harass complainant
Other Assault	10/29/24	4:08 PM	3604 Chestnut St	Unknown offender made threats toward complainant
Retail Theft	10/28/24	8:20 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	10/28/24	8:30 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	10/31/24	5:16 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
	11/03/24	6:03 PM	4233 Chestnut St	Retail theft of alcohol
Sex Offense	10/29/24	7:18 PM	Locust Walk	Confidential
	11/03/24	11:09 AM	Spruce St	Confidential
Theft From Building	10/28/24	9:12 AM	215 S 39th St	Currency taken from complainant's bag
	11/03/24	6:31 PM	3908 Spruce St	Theft of a mounted elk decoration from living room
Theft from Vehicle	10/28/24	4:25 PM	3400 Civic Center Blvd	iPhone charger cord taken from vehicle
	10/30/24	8:59 AM	300 St Marks Sq	Theft of a license plate from vehicle
Theft Other	10/29/24	11:14 AM	3400 Chestnut St	Power generator taken from construction site
	11/01/24	7:22 PM	4005 Baltimore Ave	Black purse left on porch taken
Vandalism	10/29/24	10:21 AM	3501 Sansom St	Graffiti written with white marker found outside of gate; FRES notified for removal
	11/02/24	4:40 PM	3100 Walnut St	A sign by the Paley Foot Bridge was vandalized in blue marker; FRES notified for removal

**Philadelphia Police 18th District**

*Schuylkill River to 49<sup>th</sup> Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue*

Below are the crimes against persons from the 18th District: 10 incidents were reported for **October 28-November 3, 2024** by the 18th District, covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

<b>Crime Category</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Assault	10/28/24	7:01 PM	3800 Walnut St
	10/28/24	7:01 PM	3600 Sansom St
	10/28/24	7:31 PM	3600 Sansom St
	10/29/24	4:50 PM	3604 Chestnut St
	10/29/24	9:11 PM	3900 Chestnut St
	10/30/24	1:27 PM	3200 Chestnut St
	10/30/24	1:45 PM	4806 Market St
	10/31/24	12:03 AM	4511 Walnut St
Robbery	10/30/24	7:52 AM	S 46th & Chestnut Sts
Robbery/Arrest	11/01/24	11:13 AM	4000 Market St

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

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

## Volunteer Opportunities Through the Netter Center for Community Partnerships

Dear Penn Community,

We have begun our planning for the holiday season. We trust that you are all well, and that you will once again be able to join us in this undertaking during the upcoming holiday season.

The Penn community continues to have a major impact during the holiday season. Your generosity and concern are most valued.

Below is a list of current opportunities. These opportunities are special in that they are designed to bring joy during the holidays. I look forward to working with you as we make a difference in the lives of our beloved community.

Thank you so very much for your continued generosity. Your contributions allow us to respond to various requests from local agencies, and families for donations during the holiday season.

Thank you for all you do.

*Warm regards,  
Isabel Sampson-Mapp*

### Holiday Food Drive: Let's Take a Bite Out of Hunger: Now through November 19

In the season of thanks and giving, please contribute to Penn's annual food drive, coordinated by Penn VIPS. We are collecting non-perishable foods (cans and boxed foods) as well as turkeys.

Donations will re-stock the pantry at Salvation Army, Southwest Family Services, the People's Emergency Center, and local schools as well as helping many deserving families in the area. Please contact one of the dropsite committee members listed below for more information:

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### Gift, Toy and Sneaker Drives to Benefit Unhoused

#### Philadelphia: December 1-16

Please join us in the Annual Penn Volunteers In Public Service Holiday Drive. As you buy toys and presents for the holiday season, please consider spreading some cheer to deserving members of our community. All toys and gifts donated will support the efforts of organizations including the People's Emergency Shelter, Potter's Mission, Southwest Family Services, local schools, and many more. New sneakers will benefit Outley House and other local shelters.

All items for the holiday drive must be new, not used, and unwrapped.

Please contact one of the dropsite committee members listed above for more information.

### Penn Volunteers In Public Service Adopt a Family for the Holidays Program: November-December

During the holiday in December, departments from across the University "adopt" a deserving family. The adoption is usually done in lieu of departmental gift exchanges. The assigned family is treated to presents and sometimes a holiday dinner. Families participate in the program on a one-time basis.

Families are assigned to departments based on request. Departments choose the size of the family they would like to adopt and request the ages of the children they are interested in adopting. Departments may request a "wish list" from the family or they may choose their own gifts for the family members. Departments choose the number and types of gifts they will provide. Departments are provided with the size of the family, names, ages and sizes of each family member, and a wish list if requested.

Departments are encouraged to deliver gifts to the families, but they may also request that the gifts be delivered. Also, departments may use services like Amazon, and have gifts shipped directly to the family.

Families are selected from the Baring House Family Service Agency, local agencies and shelters. A small number of referrals are also accepted.

Selection of families begins in November and assignments are made by mid-December.

### CHOP Medical Financial Partnership Volunteer Opportunity: January 17-April 15

CHOP's Medical Financial Partnership (MFP) offers high-quality financial services to help families build wealth and improve their health. MFP is seeking volunteers to support CHOP families in filing their tax returns. Tax credits can mean thousands of dollars in parents' pockets to help meet their children's needs. To date, MFP has garnered over \$1.4 million in refunds for community members.

Have you ever left a volunteer shift and wondered if you made a difference? Serve as a tax preparer with CHOP MFP and know that you are improving people's financial well-being. Not comfortable preparing someone's taxes? Serve as a "greeter" to share information about the tax preparation process, help families complete paperwork, and support the tax preparers. Training for both roles is provided.

Volunteer shifts run from January 17-April 15, 2025 (Tuesday/Thursday: 4:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). One shift per week is preferred.

Fill out this [interest sheet](#) to learn more about trainings and logistics. Feel free to also contact Janeé Smith at (215) 978-7762 or [smithj54@chop.edu](mailto:smithj54@chop.edu).

### Become a Dropsite Volunteer

Participate in the four annual drives held by Penn Volunteers in Public Service (Penn VIPS) to benefit members of the surrounding community.

We need locations around the University that can serve as drop-off points during our drives. Your role would be to help advertise the event, collect the donated items, and deliver the items to our central location.

March: Change Drive

August: School Supplies Drive

November: Food Drive

December: Toy and Gift Drive

December: New Sneaker Drive for the Homeless

We look forward to having you join us.

### Donate Used Office Furniture

Remodeling the office? No longer need that file cabinet or desk? Want to do something useful with items that are no longer used by your department, but are still in good condition?

Penn VIPS maintains an extensive list of local agencies, and nonprofits in desperate need of those items. We connect with members of the community who are happy to put donated items to good use. We can easily make arrangements for pickup.

Don't throw it out! Contact Penn VIPS.

### Create Your Own Volunteer Activity For Your Department

Would you and your colleagues or friends like to participate in a volunteer activity? Penn VIPS is happy to connect you to an activity or help you develop one of your own.

Contact Isabel Mapp at (215) 898-2020 or send an e-mail to [sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) for additional information and/or to volunteer for any of these programs.

—Isabel Sampson-Mapp

Associate Director, Netter Center for Community Partnerships

## Deaths

### Gloria Hagopian, Nursing

Gloria Ann Hagopian, a former associate professor of nursing in Penn Nursing, died on October 3, 2024. She was 85.

Dr. Hagopian attended Binghamton Hospital School of Nursing, graduating with a diploma in nursing, then studied surgical nursing at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. After working at Binghamton General Hospital, she returned to the University of Rochester to complete a master of science in nursing, whereupon she joined Rochester's faculty as an associate professor. While there, she completed her doctorate in education from Rochester's College of Education in 1979.

In 1979, Dr. Hagopian joined the faculty of Penn Nursing as an associate professor of nursing; she also held a joint appointment as a clinician educator in the radiation therapy department at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1994, she left Penn and moved south to become a professor of nursing at the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Dr. Hagopian authored several books, published over 30 articles, and received numerous federal and state grants. She served on the boards of multiple professional organizations, including the American Cancer Society and the Parkinson's Association.

She is survived by her brother, William H. Hagopian, and sister, Linda Hagopian.

Donations in her memory be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the American Heart Association, the National Kidney Foundation, or the Humane Society in Naples, Florida.

### Joseph Washington, Jr., Religious Studies

Joseph Washington, Jr., a professor emeritus of religious studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, died on October 7, 2024. He was 93.

Dr. Washington graduated from the University of Wisconsin and Andover Newton Theological School. He received a ThD (doctor of theology) in social ethics from Boston University. In the 1960s, he served as a chaplain and professor of religion at Dillard University, Dickinson College, Albion College, and Beloit College. He then moved into roles as chair of African American studies at several universities, including the University of Virginia, the University of California-Riverside, and, starting in 1977, the University of Pennsylvania. That year, Dr. Washington came to Penn as a profes-



Gloria Hagopian

sor of religious thought and as the new director of what was then called the Afro-American studies program in the School of Arts & Sciences. During his time at Penn, he also taught in the department of English and in the College of Liberal & Professional Studies. He retired from Penn in 1997 and took emeritus status. In 2002, he was inducted into Penn's 25-Year Club.

Throughout his career, Dr. Washington made significant scholarly contributions to the study of Black religion. He authored books such as *Black Religion: The Negro and Christianity in the United States*, *Black Sects and Cults*, and *Anti-Blackness in English Religion, 1500-1800*.

He is survived by his son, David; David's partner, Christine; and other family members and friends.

### Guy Welbon, Religious Studies and South Asia Studies

Guy Welbon, an associate professor emeritus of religious studies and South Asia studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, died on September 26, 2024. He was 87.

Dr. Welbon received his bachelor of science in journalism (BSJ) with highest distinction from Northwestern University in 1958, followed by a master of arts, also from Northwestern, in 1960. He then earned his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1963. After earning his PhD, he took a faculty position at the University of Minnesota, where he became chair of the department of South Asian languages and literatures and director of its National Resource Center for South Asia.

In 1972, Dr. Welbon joined Penn's faculty as an associate professor of religious studies. In 1978, he took on a secondary role as associate professor in the College of General Studies (now the College of Liberal & Professional Studies). He later became chair of the religious studies department in 1984, a position he held until 1989. In 1995, Dr. Welbon was appointed chair of the department of South Asia studies and director of the South Asia Center, where he served until 2002. He also served as graduate chair of the religious studies department from 2003 until his retirement in 2005. While at Penn, Dr. Welbon taught, mentored students, and conducted research on the religious and cultural traditions of pre-modern South India and Southeast Asia. He specialized in Hindu and Buddhist ritual practices, the agama and South Indian "temple Hinduism," the history of Burma and Cambodia, and Pali Buddhist texts.



Guy Welbon

### 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](mailto:almanac@upenn.edu).

## Update

November AT PENN

### CONFERENCES

**14** *What is the Future of Cultural Landscape Preservation?*; a series of discussions and presentations by academics and practitioners to delve into the critical aspects of preserving cultural landscapes today, including the challenges and models for future work; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Upper Gallery, Meyerson Hall; register: <https://tinyurl.com/historic-pres-conf-nov-14> (Historic Preservation). Also November 15.

**15** *Climate Solutions for the Living World*; will showcase the diverse and interdisciplinary approaches at the University of Pennsylvania that focus on monitoring, understanding and effectively addressing changing climates; 9 a.m.; Hall of Flags, Houston Hall; register: <https://tinyurl.com/bio-conf-nov-15> (Biology Plant Adaptability and Resilience Center).

### FILMS

**12** *Songs from the Hole*; an innovative documentary visual album that follows incarcerated musician James "JJ'88" Jacobs through a musical opus of hip-hop and soul; noon; Public Trust, 4017 Walnut Street (Cinema & Media Studies).

**14** *From Gulf to Gulf to Gulf*; follows trade journeys between western India, eastern Africa and the Persian/Arabian gulf across a sea of piracy and sanctions; 6 p.m.; Public Trust, 4017 Walnut Street (Cinema & Media Studies).

**18** *Biguine ou la Musique de la Liberté*; features discussion with screenwriter Patrick Chamoiseau and director Guy Deslauriers; 4:30 p.m.; Public Trust, 4017 Walnut Street (French & Francophone Studies).

### FITNESS & LEARNING

**13** *Penn English Program in London Fall 2025 Info Session*; an introductory meeting and afternoon tea for English majors and minors looking to study abroad in London at King's College in the fall of 2025; 10:15 a.m.; room 135, Fisher-Bennett Hall (English).

**17** *Sunday Reset with Gralin Hughes and Manna Pourrezaei*; start your week with relaxation and transcendence by submerging in the soothing and enchanting soundscapes from sound artist Manna Pourrezaei, complemented by projections from multidisciplinary artist Gralin Hughes; 2-4 p.m.; Institute of Contemporary Art; register: <https://tinyurl.com/ica-sunday-reset-nov-17> (ICA).

**18** *Penn Summer Abroad in London Info Session*; learn about a program that will allow you to spend five weeks in one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world while earning credits towards your degree; 4:30 p.m.; room 135, Fisher-Bennett Hall (English).

*Penn Abroad 101: Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Programs*; learn more about Penn Abroad's programs in Latin America, Spain, and Portugal, and understand how each program works including academics, financial considerations, and how to apply; 5 p.m.; Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/94307824903> (Spanish & Portuguese).

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## Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships

Info: <https://curf.upenn.edu/events>.

17 *Crafting with the Research Peer Advisors*; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; room F55, Huntsman Hall.

## Graduate School of Education

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

14 *International Student Virtual Information Session*; 8 a.m.

*Literacy Studies MSEd Virtual Information Session*; 10 a.m.

*Penn Chief Learning Officer Virtual Information Session*; noon.

15 *Housing at Penn GSE: Where You're Living & Learning Virtual Session*; 8 a.m.

19 *Independent School Teaching Residency Information Session*; 5:30 p.m.

## READINGS & SIGNINGS

### Penn Bookstore

In-person events in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, Penn Bookstore. Info: <https://www.business-services.upenn.edu/bookstore-events>.

12 *Rising from the Ashes: Los Angeles, 1992. Edward Jae Song Lee, Latasha Harlins, Rodney King, and a City on Fire*; Paula Yoo, TV writer/producer; 5:30 p.m.

13 *Bob Dylan: Prophet Without God*; Jeffrey Edward Green, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy; 5:30 p.m.

14 *The Price We Paid: An Oral History of Penn's Struggle to Join the Ivy League 1950-55*; Dan Rottenberg, *Broad Street Review*; 5:30 p.m.

## TALKS

12 *A Fireside Chat*; Mary Kay Costello, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; noon; Michael A. Fitts Auditorium, Gittis Hall; RSVP: <https://forms.gle/k2zEAV3Xd4gur8A49> (Penn Carey Law Veterans Club).

*Is Diversity Always Already Heterosexual? The Hereditary Roots of Biological Diversity in the Sexual Division of Labor*; Yingchen Kwok, GSWS; *Ghost, Corpse, Skeleton: Ambivalent Meditations for Imperfect Monastics*; Claire Elliott, GSWS; noon; suite 345, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies).

13 *Alveolar Niche Crosstalk in Murine Models of Pulmonary Fibrosis*; Luis Rodriguez, pulmonary, allergy & critical care; noon; room 213, Stemmler Hall (Penn-CHOP Lung Biology Institute).

*Multi-Omic Approaches for Deciphering Cellular Heterogeneity and Plasticity in Cancer*; Dana Silverbush, cancer biology; noon; room 225, Towne Building, and Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/96390831586> (ASSET Center).

*Connecting Conversations: Mental Health and Our Bodies*; Jimmy Morgan, American Ice Theatre; Alise Parrish, physical therapist; Jennifer Pharr, University of Nevada-Las Vegas; Jordan Toy, Stonewall Sports; noon; online webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/eidos-panel-nov-13> (Penn Nursing Eidos LGBTQ+ Health Initiative).

*Equitable Community and Housing Development*; Kenneth Scott, Beech Companies; 6 p.m.; room B3, Meyerson Hall (City & Regional Planning).

14 *Luminescent Photonic Metamaterials and Devices From THz to Optical Frequencies*; Qing



Cinema & Media Studies hosts a screening of *Songs from the Hole* on November 12. See Films.

Gu, North Carolina State University; 10:30 a.m.; Wu & Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall (Materials Science & Engineering).

*Election Roundtable: A Look at the 2024 Presidential Election*; John Lapinski, Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies; Matthew Levendusky, Annenberg Public Policy Center; Marc Meredith, political science; Diana Mutz, political science and communication; noon; Café 58, Irvine Auditorium (Knowledge by the Slice).

*A People's Court? Insurgent Lawyering and Social Movements in India in the 1980s*; Rohit De, Yale University; suite 230, PCPSE (South Asia Studies).

*The Current Situation of Women's Representation in Japan*; Mari Miura, Sophia University; 5:15 p.m.; room 110, Annenberg School (Center for East Asian Studies).

15 *Fire PIT Chat*; Yo Shavit, OpenAI; 1 p.m.; online webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/shavit-talk-nov-15> (Paideia Program).

*Sea Level Rise, Ice Sheets and Coastal Adaptation: Fragile, But Still Resilient*; Jeremy Basis, University of Michigan; 3 p.m.; room 358, Hayden Hall (Earth & Environmental Science).

*Leading with Purpose On the Court and Off*; James Blake, former tennis player & author; 5:30 p.m.; room 403, McNeil Building; register: <https://tinyurl.com/blake-talk-nov-15> (SP2).

18 *Seeing as a Way to Resist and Reclaim: Decolonizing Knowledge Through Multimodal Ethnography*; Rameen Iftikhar and Ramsha "Fatima," "The Looking Glass"; 4 p.m.; suite 345, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies).

**Asian American Studies**  
In-person events at room 473, McNeil Building. Info: <https://asam.sas.upenn.edu/events>.

19 *Asian American Across the Disciplines*; Sam Lew, Abolitionist Law Center; 10:15 a.m.

**Center for the Study of Contemporary China**  
In-person events at room 418, PCPSE. Info: <https://cscs.sas.upenn.edu/events>.

15 *Value-Form Queer Theory*; Petrus Liu, Boston University; 12:15 p.m.

**Electrical & Systems Engineering**  
In-person events. Info: <https://events.seas.upenn.edu/calendar/tag/ese/list/>.

12 *Color Center Photonics in Silicon Carbide: Scalable Fabrication, Cryogenic Experiments, and Quantum Simulation on NISO Test-beds*; Marina Radulaski, University of California Davis; 11 a.m.; room 225, Towne Building.

13 *Algorithmic Bias in Computer Vision – Generative Methods Enable the Experimental Approach*; Pietro Perona, California Institute of Technology; 10:30 a.m.; Wu & Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall.

14 *Coherent Control of Electromagnetic Waves via Tunable Chaotic Cavities*; Douglas A. Stone, Yale University; 10:30 a.m.; room 337, Towne Building.

## GRASP Lab

Hybrid events. Info: <https://www.grasp.upenn.edu/events/>.

13 *The Geometric Side(s) of Lagrangian Dynamics*; Noémie Jaquier, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology; 3 p.m.; room 307, Levine Hall, and Zoom webinar.

14 *Mixed Reality Soft Robots and Accessible CAD Software*; James Bern, Williams College; 11 a.m.; room 307, Levine Hall, and Zoom webinar.

15 *What Do We Want From Our Machines?*; Damion Shelton, Agility Robotics; 10:30 a.m.; Wu & Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall, and Zoom webinar.

18 *Foundation Models for Robotic Manipulation: Opportunities and Challenges*; Yunzhu Li, Columbia University; 11 a.m.; room 307, Levine Hall, and Zoom webinar.

## Mathematics

In-person events. Info: <https://www.math.upenn.edu/events>.

12 *Stability and Other Geometric Questions in Multiplicative Hitchin Fibrations*; Griffin Wang, Institute for Advanced Study; 3:30 p.m.; room 3C2, DRL.

14 *Two Oscillatory Free Boundary Problems*; Farhan Abedin, Lafayette College; 3:30 p.m.; room 4C8, DRL.

This is an update to the [November AT PENN calendar](#). To submit events for future AT PENN calendars and weekly updates, email the salient details to [almanac@upenn.edu](mailto:almanac@upenn.edu).

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## Support Local Artisans and Cultural Institutions With Museum Store Sunday at the Penn Museum on December 1



*Dan Ellerbroek, a Penn Museum Shop staff member, thanks a customer.*

The [Penn Museum shop](#) is among nearly 25 attractions across the city of Philadelphia that will participate in Museum Store Sunday on December 1. This nationwide event involving more than 2,100 museum stores representing all 50 states is designed to inspire holiday shopping with meaningful economic impact.

The Penn Museum shop will offer 20 percent off all merchandise in both its online and onsite stores for the entire weekend: Friday, November 29 through Monday, December 2.

Shoppers will find a wide range of gifts for all ages inspired by the Penn Museum's world-renowned collections—such as hand-crafted holiday ornaments from Kenya, umbrellas, silk scarves, hand-knitted wool mittens, jewelry duplicating the royal style of a Mesopotamian queen, artifact replicas, excavation kits for kids, hieroglyph-decoding activity kits, spices, teas, mugs, chocolates from around the world, Anubis (a cuddly stuffed animal), board games, and 1,000-piece puzzles.

“Shopping during Museum Store Sunday not only supports the mission of cultural institutions, it also helps local communities around the

world,” explained Dan Ellerbroek, Penn Museum shop assistant. “Museum shops like ours are intentional about buying from local artisans and businesses to showcase fair trade products like tins of Just Tea, keychains from Guatemala, and Made 51’s ornaments. Shopping with purpose can be a fun and powerful way to give back—what better way to get into the spirit of holiday gift-giving?”

In addition, online shoppers will receive free shipping with a minimum order of \$50 on Museum Store Sunday. Other area attractions participating in Museum Store Sunday include the African-American Museum of Philadelphia, American Swedish Historical Museum, Battleship New Jersey, Betsy Ross House, Carpenter’s Hall, Eastern State Penitentiary, Independence Seaport Museum, Laurel Hill Cemetery, and National Constitution Center.

Another opportunity to support local cultural institutions is on [Giving Tuesday](#), December 3. Created in 2012, Giving Tuesday encourages people to contribute toward building a better world through acts of generosity and kindness.