Christopher Hunter of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has been named the inaugural Mindy Halikman Heyer President’s Distinguished Professor. Established by Penn alumni Mindy and Andrew Heyer, the $3 million endowment will advance Dr. Hunter’s research on how the immune system protects animals and humans from infectious disease.

“It’s professors like Dr. Hunter who make Penn Vet truly excellent,” said Ms. Heyer, who also serves as chair of Penn Vet’s Board of Overseers. “It is an honor to support him and his important work, which in turn, helps to enhance the preeminence of both the School and the University.”

The Hunter laboratory at Penn Vet aims to better understand the immune response to infections and the balance between protective and pathological immunity. In particular, Dr. Hunter studies the parasite Toxoplasma gondii, a pathogen that affects animals and humans and can cause severe disease in newborns, infants and patients with immune deficiencies. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this foodborne parasite infects more than 60 million people in the United States and approximately one-third of the world’s population.

By studying the role of the immune system to control infectious disease, Dr. Hunter's research is relevant to many inflammatory processes, including cancer, asthma, lupus, multiple sclerosis and arthritis. The broad impact of his research is illustrated by his roles as a senior investigator for the American Asthma Foundation and as a scientific founder and member of the Scientific Advisory Board for Surface Oncology, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company focused on cancer immunotherapies.

“As chair of the department of pathology (Almanac: September 11, 2007), Dr. Hunter is an integral member of the Penn Vet faculty and an insightful contributor to the Dean’s Council,” said Joan C. Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. “His groundbreaking research has important implications for both animal and human health, and helps to distinguish Penn Vet as one of the world’s finest institutions. We are incredibly grateful to Mindy and Andy for their continued support of the School. They are exemplary Penn citizens and tireless advocates for Penn Vet.”

“I am truly honored to be named the inaugural Heyer Professor and am tremendously thankful for the support of Mindy and Andy,” said Dr. Hunter, who also serves as director of the Center for Host-Microbial Interactions at Penn Vet. “This endowment will enable me to pursue high-risk, high-impact research at one of the nation’s great biomedical research and teaching centers, where I have the ability to engage in interdisciplinary collaborations with faculty and students on a campus with unprecedented access to world-class facilities.”

Dr. Hunter was awarded his BSc in zoology and his PhD in parasitic biochemistry from the University of Glasgow and was a post-doctoral fellow at Glasgow University School of Veterinary Medicine. He completed his post-doctoral training at Stanford University before joining Penn Vet in 1996. Since then, Dr. Hunter has supervised more than 50 students, many of whom now hold faculty positions at Penn and other renowned schools around the world.

Dr. Hunter is a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He is the recipient of the Burroughs Wellcome Young Investigator Award and the Cormice Prize in Neurology, and was selected as an Irvington Research Scholar. He is the author of more than 250 publications and his work has been cited nearly 20,000 times.

Thomas Hong: Music Director of Penn Symphony Orchestra

After a national search, Thomas Hong has been named as the new music director of the Penn Symphony Orchestra (PSO) at the University of Pennsylvania.

Hailed by Kurt Masur as “one of the most talented young conductors of his generation,” Mr. Hong has held titled positions with the Dallas, Pittsburgh and Seattle Symphony Orchestras as well as Orchestre National de France; with these orchestras, he conducted countless concerts, including classical, community, education and pops concerts. His association with the Penn Symphony Orchestra began in the 2014-2015 season, when he served as the interim conductor. He is also music director of the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra in Ohio, and has recently guest conducted ensembles ranging from the Utah Symphony to the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, as well as some district and regional ensembles for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.

Michael Ketner, director of performance and a member of the search committee, described the committee’s pleasure with the outcome of the process: “We are thrilled to have Tom continue with the Penn Symphony Orchestra. During his interim year and throughout the audition process, he consistently demonstrated his wonderful musicianship as well as his enthusiasm for Penn. Not many schools can boast an orchestra conductor with the credentials Tom has. Based on the feedback we received, I know that the students are excited about his appointment as well.”

Mr. Hong was born in Incheon, Korea and immigrated to the United States with his family. He began his musical training as a pianist and continued his studies with Samuel Hsu at Cairn University. Later, he went on to earn a master’s degree in choral conducting at Temple University and an artist diploma in orchestral conducting from the Curtis Institute of Music, studying with Alan Harter and Otto Werner Mueller, respectively. He concluded his artistic training with Larry Rachleff at Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music.

Mr. Hong described his vision for the PSO: “The students who join the orchestra play because they want to be there. Many are quite accomplished musicians who are pursuing other fields at Penn. It’s a break from their heavy academic obligations, but they take it seriously and perform at the highest artistic level. One of my goals is to get the word out about our performances so that the community has access to this magnificent music and our musicians have the support and appreciation of an audience drawn from the campus and broader communities.”

One of nearly a dozen performing ensembles sponsored by the University’s department of music, the Penn Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1878 and includes musicians from throughout the University community, primarily non-music majors. The PSO performs a diverse range of repertoire drawn from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, most often at historic Irvine Auditorium.
Dying in America Documentary: Mary Ersek

Dying in America, Nurses Leading the Conversation (http://dyinginamerica.org), is a multimedia documentary project that examines the dying experience through the eyes of nurses. It features dozens of practitioners and professors, including Penn Nursing’s Mary Ersek, professor of palliative care and director of the Veterans Health Administration PROMISE (Performance Reporting and Outcomes Measurement to Improve the Standard of Care at End-of-Life) Center, located at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Dr. Ersek provides three interviews about her experiences in dealing with end-of-life issues. To see her videos, visit http://dyinginamerica.org/interviews/

As a whole, the documentary explores the death and dying process with those who navigate its waters daily. The goal of the project is to better prepare ourselves and our loved ones when faced with the difficult decisions that come with the end of life. Dying in America is made possible through the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare.

Dr. Ersek has performed extensive research in palliative care in older adults and in end-of-life issues for veterans and their families. Over the last 15 years, her research has focused specifically on residents of nursing homes. Dr. Ersek is a core investigator at the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP), which is one of several VA-funded Centers of Innovation. As a CHERP investigator, she is leading an interdisciplinary group of investigators to develop a valid and reliable measure of pain intensity for persons with advanced dementia. She also collaborates with VA investigators throughout the US to examine the associations among patient characteristics, clinical practices and outcomes of palliative care.

Penn Vet: Saving Lives by Saving Limbs

With a generous grant from the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (VMA) and the Kislak Family Foundation, Penn Vet is helping to save the limbs—and lives—of animals at shelter organizations. Through this pilot program, “Saving Lives by Saving Limbs,” surgeons and students repair the fractured limbs of animals at risk for amputation or euthanasia.

“The Humane Society VMA and the Kislak Family Foundation are pleased to provide funding for this pilot project to serve a population of previously overlooked homeless animals,” said Paula Kislak, president of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. “We are thrilled with how Penn Vet has forged ahead so quickly and successfully with the implementation of this program, which also provides valuable learning opportunities for students, interns and residents.”

In collaboration with shelter partners, eligible dogs and cats are identified and treated at Penn Vet’s Ryan Hospital, where their fractures are repaired at no cost to the shelter. The plates and screws necessary for these surgeries are generously provided by DePuy Synthes.

Following surgery, the animals are placed in foster care and made available for adoption. Potential owners must demonstrate a commitment to the follow-up care necessary for successful fracture healing. All follow-up care related to the fracture is provided at Penn Vet’s Ryan Hospital, at no cost to the owner.

Renowned for small animal surgery, Ryan Hospital is staffed by seven board-certified surgical specialists and six surgical residents.

“The Humane Society VMA and the Kislak Family Foundation have given us a wonderful opportunity to provide state-of-the-art care for Philadelphia’s stray animals,” said David Holt, professor of surgery. “Repairing these fractures also provides veterinary students, interns and residents with greater exposure to fracture repair.”

College House Fellows Wanted: December 20

In anticipation of multiple College House fellow openings for the academic year 2016-2017, the Offices of the Provost and of College Houses and Academic Services invite applications for College House fellowships. The position of College House Fellow is residentially based and carries a two-year renewable term.

Faculty applicants from all 12 schools within the University are welcome to apply. The most important qualification is an enthusiastic interest in mentoring and engaging undergraduate students within the College House environment. Members of the University’s full-time administrative staff in academic or student affairs, as well as post-doctoral fellows who will be in their positions for at least two years, are also welcome to apply.

House Fellows play a key role in connecting the Houses to the larger academic community at Penn. Faculty Masters, House Fellows and the House Dean form the senior staff of each House and are responsible for developing a home for residents that encourages intellectual inquiry, promotes academic programs in residence, fosters faculty and student interaction, and builds strong, supportive House communities. Specific responsibilities will differ from House to House, but the general time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours per week.

We want applicants for at least six House Fellow positions, including in the New College House, which will open in August 2016. Please consider this unique opportunity and encourage colleagues who may be interested to apply. Submit applications by December 20.

For information about the College House Fellow position, visit https://www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/join/facultyopportunities. If you have questions or an interest in applying, please email Martin Redman, executive director of College Houses, at mredman@upenn.edu

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Mentors needed for the Penn Workplace Mentoring Program: 7th grade students from a local school visit campus once a month for a few hours. You have the opportunity to make a friend, educate students about college and to talk to them about the importance of a college education. All programming takes place on campus.

Become a Dripsite Volunteer: Participate in the four annual drives held by Penn Volunteers In Public Service (Penn VIPS) to benefit members of the surrounding community. We are in need of locations around Penn that can serve as a drop-off point during various drives. You would help advertise the event and collect the donated items and deliver them to our central location.

Call (215) 898-2090 or email sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu for more info and/or to volunteer.

—Isabel Mapp, Associate Director, Netter Center for Community Partnerships

Ashlee Halbritter: Campus Health Initiatives Director

Ashlee Halbritter has been named director of Campus Health Initiatives (CHI) at the Student Health Service at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Halbritter previously served as CHI’s health educator and most recently helped Penn become the first Ivy League university to join the Partnership for a Healthier America’s Healthier Campus Initiative.

As the public health arm of Penn’s Student Health Service, CHI seeks to improve health and wellness for the campus community through disease surveillance and prevention, education, policy and advocacy work. Signature programs focus on sexual health, sleep, exercise and stress reduction and are promoted collaboratively with a Student Health Advisory Board utilizing social media and vibrant poster campaigns. Campus Health oversees Penn’s highly successful annual flu clinics, which set new records in 2015 by vaccinating more than 5,000 students, faculty and staff.

“I am delighted to welcome Ms. Halbritter to her new leadership role,” said Giang Nguyen, executive director of the Student Health Service. “She brings a keen awareness of the issues relevant to health promotion and disease prevention at Penn and already has an impressive track record with regard to partnership building across campus.”

“I am thrilled to be leading Campus Health forward as we continue to make Penn the healthiest campus in the country,” Ms. Halbritter added. “I’ve enjoyed working with colleagues across the University on issues like bike safety, nutrition and smoking cessation. The Campus Health staff works tirelessly to track and prevent diseases on campus, while simultaneously promoting policy changes and offering education to support students’ health and wellness.”

Ms. Halbritter joined the Student Health staff in 2012 after spending three years as a prevention specialist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She earned her Master’s of Public Health from UCLA. She received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, where she majored in communications and minored in public and community health.

2016 MLK Community Involvement Recognition Awards

Deadline Extended: November 20

The MLK, Jr. Community Involvement Recognition Awards are presented to five individuals (Penn/Penn Medicine faculty, staff, students and members of the broader Philadelphia community) who demonstrate significant contributions in community service and/or are working for social justice efforts.

The awards committee is seeking nominations for individuals whose work most merits this recognition. Nomination forms are available online at www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlkaward.htm (scroll to the bottom of page and click on Access to 2016 Nomination Form).

The deadline for submitting a nomination is November 20. If you have any questions, please contact the African-American Resource Center at (215) 898-0104 or aarc@pobox.upenn.edu
Madeleine Joullié: 2015 John Scott Award
Madeleine Joullié, a professor of chemistry at Penn, will receive the 2015 John Scott Award at a ceremony on November 20 in Philadelphia, PA. One of the oldest scientific awards given in this country, dating from 1822, this award is given to “the most deserving” men and women whose inventions have contributed in some outstanding way to the “comfort, welfare and happiness” of mankind.

Dr. Joullié’s research encompasses a range of interests in synthetic organic chemistry, including heterocyclic and medicinal chemistry. She earned her PhD (1953) and MSc (1950) from Penn.

Christine Bradway: 2015 Norma M. Lang Award
Christine K. Bradway, associate professor of gerontological nursing at Penn’s School of Nursing, is the 2015 recipient of the Norma M. Lang Award for Scholarly Practice and Policy. The award is given annually to a Penn Nursing faculty member or a graduate from the School’s doctoral program who has made a distinguished contribution to nursing through scholarly practice. This award honors the distinguished practice and policy work achieved by Dr. Lang, former dean of Penn Nursing. As the award recipient, Dr. Bradway delivered a lecture entitled “Clinical Care and Practice Scholarship: A Journey into the Lives of Older Adults” at Penn in October.

Dr. Bradway currently maintains academic clinical practices with Genesis Physician Services and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where she provides direct care as a gerontology nurse practitioner and mentors the scholarship of nurses and other interprofessional team members. She is recognized for her career-long contributions to advancing nursing science related to continence care, long-term care of persons with morbidity obesity, and nursing interventions, including implementation of the Transitional Care Model for cognitively impaired, hospitalized elders.

Haim Bau and Changchun Liu: 2015 One Health Award
Haim H. Bau and Changchun Liu of the School of Engineering & Applied Science (SEAS) at Penn have been named the 2015 recipients of Penn’s One Health Award, recognizing their exemplary contributions to expanding interdisciplinary collaboration and improving health care for the benefit of humans, animals and the environment.

The One Health Award was established in 2013 by the deans of the four health schools at Penn—the Perelman School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Bau, a professor of mechanical engineering & applied mechanics, and Dr. Liu, a research assistant professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, received their awards in October as part of the 2015 Microbiome Symposium at Penn.

Drs. Bau and Liu have worked for several years with researchers at Penn Medicine, Penn Vet and Penn Dental to develop an inexpensive, high-sensitivity platform for molecular diagnostics at the point of care. The platform utilizes smartphone technology and is suitable for use in resource-poor settings, the field, the clinic and at home. Drs. Bau and Liu have used the new platform to adapt existing technologies to detect pathogens in humans, animals, food and water.

Zubair Baloch: 2015 ASCP President’s Award
Zubair Baloch, a professor of pathology & laboratory medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, was honored with the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) President’s Award at this year’s ASCP Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California in October. The ASCP President’s Award was created to recognize an ASCP member who has gone above and beyond in his or her volunteer activities and provided significant contributions to ASCP programs and/or activities.

Dr. Baloch has been an active member of the ASCP Education Committee and is chair of the ASCP 2015 Annual Meeting Education Group. He has also served as president of the Philadelphia Pathology Society and the Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology. In 2013, he received the ASCP Mastership for his exemplary contributions to the profession.

Shu Yang: 2016 George H. Heilmeier Research Award
Shu Yang, a professor in the department of materials science & engineering at Penn, is the recipient of the 2016 George H. Heilmeier Award for Excellence in Faculty Research at Penn Engineering. This award is named for Dr. Heilmeier, the late alumnus and overseer whose many technological contributions include the development of liquid crystal displays.

Dr. Yang is recognized for pioneering the synthesis and fabrication of responsive nano- and microstructured soft materials. As part of her award, she will give a talk on her research during the spring 2016 semester.

Honors & Other Things
The following faculty members will receive this year’s Perelman School of Medicine Awards of Excellence at the 20th annual dinner this Thursday, November 19. The awards recognize outstanding performance by the faculty in the research, clinical and mentoring areas.

**Erika L.F. Holzbaur**, professor of physiology, is the winner of this year’s Stanley N. Cohen Biomedical Research Award, which recognizes a member of the Perelman School of Medicine faculty for a body of work with an emphasis on biomedicale research. Dr. Holzbaur is an outstanding cell biologist who has been able to translate her basic research studies on the cell biology of neurons to enhance our understanding of the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative disease. She has contributed groundbreaking ideas and scientific discoveries in several different areas of research. Her research program is distinguished by the translation of molecular-mechanistic discoveries to neuronal physiology and neuropathology, and her work is not only fascinating from a fundamental biology perspective, but has significant implications for understanding the etiologies of many diseases. She has made notable discoveries linking the cytoskeleton with neuronal autophagy, which is essential for understanding some of the underlying mechanisms leading to ALS, Parkinson’s and Huntington’s diseases, and thus the continuing impact of her work is very high.

**Susan M. Domchek**, Bass Professor in Oncology, is the winner of this year’s William Osler Patient Oriented Research Award. This award is granted to a member of the Perelman School of Medicine faculty for a body of work with an emphasis on clinical research. Dr. Domchek is a leader in the field of breast cancer genetics and has built an exceptional record of achievement in clinical and translational research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Domchek’s research program is particularly focused on the clinical management of patients with BRCA1/2 mutations, and she is the executive director of Penn’s Basser Center for BRCA. Of particular note is her program focused on the use of genetic testing to assess cancer risk precisely in order to optimize prevention and risk-reduction strategies. Her work has included studies on gene discovery, screening and prevention, as well as the long-term psychological outcomes of individuals undergoing genetic testing. Dr. Domchek also leads therapeutic clinical trials for patients with BRCA1/2-related cancers, recently demonstrating a significant clinical effect of novel PARP inhibitors in such patients—work that led to the FDA approval of olaparib for the treatment of BRCA1/2 mutation-associated ovarian cancer. She has explored the crucial link between how individuals undergoing genetic testing use this information to make decisions about their medical care, and is devoted to dynamic ways to identify those in the population at large who are good candidates for genetic testing. Dr. Domchek’s work is highly collaborative and truly multidisciplinary, incorporating health services, psychology, genecology, epidemiology, radiology and medical genetics. She is a highly-sought-after researcher, teacher, mentor and doctor.

**Andrea B. Troxel**, professor of biostatistics, is the winner of this year’s Samuel Martin Health Evaluation Sciences Award. This award is granted to a member of the Perelman School of Medicine faculty for a body of work with an emphasis on health services research. Dr. Troxel is an internationally recognized leader and expert in statistical methods for the analysis of longitudinal and incomplete data. As director of the biostatistics core at the Abramson Cancer Center, she is a prominent statistician in the field of oncology, where she has made important contributions to research on cancer survivorship. Dr. Troxel is also director of biostatistics in the Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (CHIBE) and is a key figure in the burgeoning field of behavioral economics. Her broad body of work is brought together through her unwavering focus on improving health and healthcare by improving evaluative methods and via direct research in human populations. Her colleagues have said that “Dr. Troxel is a superlative biostatistical researcher, collaborator, teacher and leader. While many biostatisticians excel in one or two of these areas, it is rare to find someone who excels at them all. Her research program has had an extraordinary impact; she has created new knowledge, advanced its application and strived to help everyone around her to reach their fullest potential.” Her work is multi-disciplinary, innovative and groundbreaking in its impact on healthcare.

**Andy J. Minn**, assistant professor of radiation oncology and assistant investigator in the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute, is the winner of this year’s Michael S. Brown New Investigator Research Award, which recognizes a junior faculty member whose research has illuminated emerging faculty investigators engaged in innovative discoveries. Dr. Minn’s work is focused on the biological basis of therapeutic cancer resistance, a strategy that has provided an essential tool to discover new biological mechanisms and simultaneously deliver new concepts for testing in the clinic. His groundbreaking work has been published in *Nature* and *Cell*, reflecting his research accomplishments. His work incorporates informative-driven approaches, integrating animal work, molecular biology, genome-wide profiling, immune profiling, clinical data mining and computational modeling. He has also explored the potential for radiation therapy and immune therapy, again focusing on the early signs of resistance seen in clinical trials. The study addressed a new concept in radiation oncology that converts a classic local therapy (radiation) to one with systemic effects by combining radiation with new immunotherapies based on an understanding of the mechanisms of resistance. Dr. Minn plays a major role in many aspects of research and training, including active participation in the Biomedical Graduate Groups and mentoring. He is an outstanding community member and is sure to continue making significant contributions to the field of cancer therapy resistance.

**Mark D. Neuman**, assistant professor of anesthesiology & critical care, is the winner of this year’s Marjorie A. Bowman New Investigator Research Award, which recognizes a junior faculty member whose research has illuminated a fundamental clinical problem or improved the organization and delivery of health care. Dr. Neuman is an internationally recognized thought leader in anesthesiology and health services research whose work has resulted in important contributions to medical knowledge. His scholarship addresses questions of real importance to broad audiences in health policy and clinical medicine. His research has focused on understanding the patient-, physician- and health system-level determinants of survival and functional outcomes after hip fracture, a serious condition that affects more than 300,000 older adults in the US each year. His work has drawn attention to anesthesia care for hip fracture surgery as an issue of major importance for policy and practice, and has resulted in multiple high-impact publications, including work that has applied innovative statistical techniques to comparative effectiveness research in this domain. Dr. Neuman is principal investigator of the REGAIN Trial (Regional versus General Anesthesia for Promoting Independence after Hip Fracture), a multicenter, randomized trial funded through an $11.9 million contract from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. This major project will provide, for the first time, definitive evidence regarding the link between anesthesia care for hip fracture surgery and long-term outcomes.

**Edward M. Behrens**, Joseph Hollander Associate Professor and chair in pediatric rheumatology, is the winner of this year’s Lady Barbara Colyton Prize for Autoimmune Research. This award recognizes a Perelman School of Medicine assistant professor who has won a major prize in the area of autoimmune disease research. Dr. Behrens has been named an honoree of the 2015 Colyton Prize for Autoimmune Research, which recognizes a junior faculty member whose research has illuminated a fundamental clinical problem or improved the organization and delivery of health care.
icine faculty member who has been engaged in innovative discoveries and outstanding research in the area of autoimmune diseases. Dr. Behrens’s work focuses on the Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS), which is a deadly and poorly understood complication of many autoimmune diseases. Dr. Behrens developed the first murine model of the disease, a significant advance in the field. He has further developed methodology that is now widely used. His work on MAS has dramatically changed understanding of the disease and his murine model has provided a unique resource to explore therapy. Indeed, his recent work has suggested novel pathways that can be blocked to improve survival and has helped guide to translate these results to a clinical trial. Dr. Behrens is the consummate physician scientist and a highly regarded teacher. His devotion to trainees and to science is lauded by his colleagues, and his passion for and commitment to autoimmune research serves as a magnet for trainees. He is considered a cornerstone for education at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and is regarded as an outstanding clinician and a gifted scientist.

Maxim Itkin, associate professor of radiology, is the recipient of the Luigi Mastroiani, Jr., Clinical Innovator Award. This award recognizes a clinician who has pioneered the invention and development of new techniques, procedures and approaches that change medical practice. Dr. Itkin was recognized for his work in developing the field of endoluminal intervention. He developed an intranodal lymphangiogram technique that has brought lymphatic interventions and imaging to within the skill set of most physicians practicing ultrasound-guided interventions. Dr. Itkin has developed a well-established algorithm for the treatment of nontraumatic chylothorax, which has enabled previously untreatable patients to be successfully treated. He was the first person in the world to perform thoracic duct embolization in pediatric patients with chyloous leaks, achieving an 80% success rate in patients who would fail surgical and conservative treatment. Additionally, in conjunction with Youav Dor, from the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Itkin developed a new technique that allowed selective percutaneous embolization of the pulmonary lymphatics in patients with plastic bronchitis. Dr. Itkin’s creativity and conviction to implement his ideas have changed the paradigm for managing diseases with lymphatic-based manifestations.

Alain H. Rook, professor of dermatology, is the winner of this year’s Louis Duhring Outstanding Clinical Specialist Award. This award goes to a teaching and practicing physician in a clinical or ancillary department who combines biomedical research with clinical insight and knowledge to provide leading-edge service and creative care to patients and colleagues. For more than 25 years, Dr. Rook has made an enormous contribution to the specialized field of cutaneous lymphomas. He is considered a leader in studies of mycosis fungoides and Sézary Syndrome, the most common subtypes of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL). This reputation is based on his high-impact translational studies on the immunology of these diseases, as well as his clinical expertise in managing especially advanced stage and refractory CTCL patients. Dr. Rook is also a dedicated mentor who tirelessly advocates for his mentees and cultivates valuable opportunities for them with his network of national and international colleagues.

Craig A. Umscheid, assistant professor of medicine & epidemiology and director of the Penn Medicine Center for Evidence-based Practice, is the winner of this year’s Alfred Stengel Health System Champion Award. This award is granted to a physician who has contributed significantly to the clinical integration of the Health System. Dr. Umscheid is an expert in the development of evidence-based practices that support health-care quality and safety. He has been instrumental in summarizing scientific evidence and in developing and deploying interventions that have assisted with decision making in such areas as anticoagulation practices, medication management, early identification of sepsis, and prevention of healthcare-acquired infections and hospital readmissions, among numerous other important clinical issues. Under his leadership, the Penn Medicine Center for Evidence-based Practice has become an indispensable institutional resource and one that is recognized nationally and internationally.

Jeffrey Tokaszewski, clinical associate professor of family medicine & community health and lead attending physician at Penn Medicine at Gibbstown, is the winner of this year’s Sylvan Eisman Outstanding Primary Care Physician Award. This award recognizes a Health System primary care physician who goes beyond the norm and exemplifies the Health System’s excellent care. Dr. Tokaszewski joined Penn Medicine 14 years ago and immediately developed a home care program for homebound patients who otherwise would not be receiving regular, ongoing healthcare. He visits his patients on his own time, often seeing homebound patients even before he begins a long day at the office. The words “trust,” “kind” and “compassionate” are echoed by not only his patients, but also his colleagues. His commitment to his patients is also reflected in his outstanding Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores. His colleagues describe him as a physician who always goes above and beyond to uniquely and continuously improve the patient experience while also developing new ways to offer his patients the opportunity to become engaged, effective and involved partners in their own care. His current interests involve leveraging PennChart to deliver an elevated level of quality care to his patients. He has won multiple Penn Medicine Clinical Effectiveness and Quality Improvement (CEQI) project awards for his work in improving quality in his practice. Dr. Tokaszewski represents the type of physician for which this award was designed.

Stephanie B. Abbuhl, professor and vice chair of faculty affairs in the department of emergency medicine, is the recipient of this year’s Arthur Asbury Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who has fostered the professional development of others by providing inspiring and effective counsel and opportunities for achievement. Since 2001, Dr. Abbuhl has served as the executive director of FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women, a national model for faculty development that addresses recruitment, retention and advancement of female faculty. In addition to creating novel approaches to support faculty through unique skill building programs and individual and group mentoring sessions, she has also conducted research on mentoring in a large NIH-funded randomized controlled trial. Together with her FOCUS colleagues, Dr. Abbuhl has enhanced the careers of hundreds of female faculty members, created a climate at the Perelman School of Medicine that is supportive and respectful of the challenges women face, and helped create opportunities and leadership advancements for both men and women. A former mentee summarized Dr. Abbuhl’s impact as a mentor by stating, “We are better as physicians, more energized as faculty and happier with our decisions because of her influence; hopefully we will have success in carrying her example forward.”
CCTV Locations

The Division of Public Safety is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the campus community by integrating the best practices of public and private policing with state-of-the-art technology. A critical component of a comprehensive security plan using state-of-the-art technology is Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

As prescribed by the University Policy “Closed Circuit Television Monitoring and Recording of Public Areas for Safety and Security Purposes” (Almanac April 29, 2008), the locations of all outside CCTV cameras monitored by Public Safety are to be published semi-annually in Almanac. The locations and descriptions of these cameras can also be found on the Division of Public Safety website: https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/about/tecclosed-circuit-television-cctv

The following existing cameras meet those criteria:

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Holiday Shopping at Penn Museum

The Penn Museum’s newly renovated gift shop is offering all PennCard holders and Penn Medicine card holders a 25% discount on their purchases during two weeks: one geared for the early shoppers (November 17 - 22), and one geared to the last minute crowd (December 14 - 20). Staff members need to show their valid PennCard for the discount. Next week’s Almanac will feature more “Holiday Happenings, Gifts of Involvement and Books.”

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

Another tip in a series provided by the Offices of Information Systems & Computing and Audit, Compliance & Privacy.

Make Sure Your Email Gets Into Their Inbox

When sending an announcement via email, it can be difficult to make sure recipients will recognize it as a legitimate communication from your office, and not as a forgery, scam or phishing attempt. Here are some tips you can take to make sure recipients recognize your email message as legitimate:

- Provide contact information (other than an email address) that recipients can use to verify legitimacy, e.g., sender’s name as it appears in the Online Directory and campus phone number.
- Don’t send any sensitive information, e.g. passwords, in email. Such information should be communicated using other, more secure channels.
- Include only Penn (upenn.edu) email addresses and web sites in the email.
- Whenever possible, avoid sending a website link at all, particularly if you need the recipient to go to the site to log in or provide personal information. Instead, recommend that they visit your site (by using a bookmark or your known website address) and click on the link for you.
- For more information, contact ISC Information Security (security@isc.upenn.edu). For technical assistance, contact your Local Support Provider.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department
Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for November 2-8, 2015. Also reported were 18 Crimes Against Property (8 thefts, 6 other offenses, 1 auto theft, 1 burglary, 1 fraud and 1 liquor law violation). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v62/n14/creport.html —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of November 2-8, 2015. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

11/05/15 8:46 PM 4001 Walnut St IPhone taken/2 arrests Complaintant assaulted by bouncer
11/08/15 3:15 PM 3929 Sansom St

18th District Report

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 7 incidents with 1 arrest (3 assaults, 2 robberies, 1 rape and 1 aggravated assault) were reported between November 2-8, 2015 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

11/03/15 9:43 AM 3600 Market St Assault
11/05/15 10:34 PM 4000 Walnut St Robbery/Assault
11/06/15 9:24 AM 4300 block Chestnut St Rape
11/06/15 10:48 PM 4400 Locust St Robbery
11/07/15 9:13 PM 4700 Baltimore Ave Assault
11/07/15 9:13 PM 4700 Baltimore Ave Assault
11/08/15 3:15 PM 3929 Sansom St Aggravated Assault

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Correction: Tony Lyle Obituary

In last week’s issue, the obituary for Anthony (Tony) Lyle, former editor of The Pennsylvania Gazette, stated that the magazine won the Robert Sibley Award for “Magazine of the Year” twice under his leadership, in 1981 and 1983. In fact, the Gazette also won this award a third time while Mr. Lyle was editor, in 1995 (The Compass June 20, 1995). We regret the omission. —Eds.

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The Arthur Ross Gallery (ARG) at the University of Pennsylvania will present *Children of Abraham*, an exhibition of 66 black and white photographs of the monotheistic religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam by internationally renowned Magnum photographer Abbas. The exhibition opens to the public on Saturday, November 21, 2015 and remains on view through Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Since 1970, Abbas has documented through his camera lens the “political and social life of societies in conflict.” This exhibition is the culmination of over 16 years of research and travel by the artist to record religious practices and their manifestations in all parts of the world.

ARG is the exclusive US venue for *Children of Abraham*, a show devoted to the theme of religion. Abbas will travel from Paris, France to present a talk.

**Related Events**

Events are free, open to the public and held in the Arthur Ross Gallery, unless otherwise noted.

- Friday, November 20 at 5 p.m.; artist talk: *Children of Abraham* by Abbas, Magnum photographer, RSVP: (215) 898-2083, seating is limited, and at 6 p.m., remarks by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Anita L. Allen and ARG Director and University Curator Lynn Marsden-Atlass.
  
  “My photography is a reflection, which comes to life in action and leads to meditation. Spontaneity—the suspended moment—brings these action, in the viewfinder,” said Abbas.

  12@12: *A Tasty Art Nugget* in 12 minutes flat at noon:
  
  • Wednesday, December 2, 2015
  
  • Wednesday, January 6, 2016
  
  • Wednesday, February 3, 2016
  
  • Wednesday, March 2, 2016

- Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.; lecture on “Religion, Art, and the Brain” by Andrew B. Newberg, professor of emergency medicine and radiology, director of research, Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital.

- A panel discussion on religious tolerance is planned for Spring 2016. Please visit the website for details.

Additional support for the exhibition is provided by the Arthur Ross Exhibition Fund, Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mr. George Gillespie, the Hohns Family ESCAPE Program, the Patron’s Circle of the Arthur Ross Gallery, Campaign for Community at the University of Pennsylvania, Connelly Foundation, Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

The Gallery is located in the Fisher Fine Arts Library Building at 220 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, and is free and open to the public.

Hours: Weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; weekends, noon-5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

A series of related programs and events are planned through March 2016. Details are available on the ARG website: [ArthurRossGallery.org](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac). Additional information is available at (215) 898-2083.

Abbas is an Iranian photographer transplanted to Paris. He has dedicated himself to documenting the political and social life of societies in conflict. In his major work since 1970, he has covered wars and revolutions in Biafra, Bangladesh, Northern Ireland, Vietnam, the Middle East, Chile, Cuba and South Africa during apartheid.

From 1978 to 1980, Abbas photographed the revolution in Iran, to which he returned in 1997 after 17 years of voluntary exile. His book, *Iran Diary 1971-2002*, is a critical interpretation of Iranian history, photographed and written as a private journal.

During his years of exile, he traveled constantly. Between 1983 and 1986, he journeyed through Mexico, attempting to photograph a country as a novelist might write about it. The resulting exhibition and book, *Return to Mexico: Journeys Beyond the Mask*, helped define his photographic aesthetic.


His concern with religion led him in 2000 to begin a project on animism, in which he sought to discover why non-rational ritual has re-emerged in a world increasingly defined by science and technology. He abandoned this undertaking in 2002, on the first anniversary of 9/11, to start a new long-term project about the clash of religions, defined as culture rather than faith, which he believes are turning into political ideologies and therefore one of the sources of the strategic struggles of the contemporary world.

From 2008 to 2010, Abbas traveled the world of Buddhism, photographing with the same skeptical eye. In 2013, he concluded a similar long-term project on Hinduism. Abbas is presently working on Judaism around the world.