

# December



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## AT PENN



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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- 10** Last day of classes.
- 11** Reading days. Through December 14.
- 15** Final examinations. Through December 22.
- 22** Fall term ends.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**18** Kids' Holiday Centerpiece Workshop; Cheryl Wilks, floral educator, teaches kids aged 6-12 how to design a beautiful fresh flower and evergreen centerpiece to use on your family's holiday table or to give as a gift; 10:30 a.m.; Morris Arboretum; registration: \$45/non-members, \$40/members; info: <https://experience.morrisarboretum.org/Info.aspx?EventID=24> (Morris Arboretum).

#### Penn Museum

Online events. Info: <https://www.penn.museum/calendar>.

- 7** Global Voyagers: Journey Across the World; 11 a.m.
- At-Home Anthro Live: Fashions of the Pharaoh; 1 p.m.
- History Alive: Mine the Museum; 6 p.m.
- 14** At-Home Anthro Live: Greek Vases; 1 p.m.
- 17** Virtual Passport Day: Celebrations of Light; 11 a.m.
- 21** At-Home Anthro Live: Celebrate Winter With Light; 1 p.m.
- 29** Winter Break; 11 a.m. Also December 30, 11 a.m.

### CONFERENCES

**2** Center for Media at Risk Symposium: Image-Based Abuse; will discuss a public health crisis that silences marginalized groups and degrades public discourse, strategize research agendas for its clarification, and develop policy recommendations for its resistance and prevention; 5 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/cmar-conf-dec-3> (Center for Media at Risk). Also December 3, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

*The Ethics of Collecting in the 21st Century*; will reach out to colleagues working in archives and special collections to reflect on the urgent ethical challenges confronting their repositories around collection building past and present; 5:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register for keynote: <https://tinyurl.com/kislak-conf-keynote>; register for conference: <https://tinyurl.com/kislak-conf-dec-3> (Kislak Center). Also December 3, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**8** Nanomedicine and the Immune System; features outstanding speakers from the fields of

targeted therapeutics, drug delivery, biomaterials and nanomedicine, focusing on nanomedicine; 8:30 a.m.-4:25 p.m.; online event; register: <https://www.itmat.upenn.edu/ct3n/symposium/> (Center for Targeted Therapeutics and Translational Nanomedicine).

**15** Ancient Laws Ancient Contexts: Situating Israelites and Jews in Normative Discourses; 11:15 a.m.-3 p.m.; Zoom webinar; info: <https://tinyurl.com/katz-conf-dec-15> (Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies). Also December 16, 11:15 a.m.-3 p.m.

### EXHIBITS

#### Museums

For up-to-date information about exhibits, prices, hours and COVID-19 restrictions for several museums on and near Penn's campus, visit these websites.

Arthur Ross Gallery: <http://www.arthur-rossgallery.org/visit/schedule-your-visit/>

Brodsky Gallery: <http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/involved/series/brodskygallery/>

Esther Klein Gallery: <https://sciencecenter.org/discover/ekg>

ICA: <https://icaphila.org>

Kroiz Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library: <http://tinyurl.com/hvrlct4>

Meyerson Hall: <https://tinyurl.com/y27c5dty>

Morris Arboretum: [http://www.morrisarboretum.org/visit\\_hours.shtml](http://www.morrisarboretum.org/visit_hours.shtml)

Penn Museum: <https://www.penn.museum/visit/plan-your-visit>

Quorum: <https://sciencecenter.org/discover/quorum>

Slought: <https://slought.org/>

Van Pelt Library: <https://www.library.upenn.edu/about/hours/vp>

Wistar Institute: <https://wistar.org/>

#### Now

*God Complex: Different Philadelphia*; installation by Philadelphia-based artist, ceramicist, social activist, poet, and educator Roberto Lugo that highlights themes of poverty, inequality, and racial injustice; Arthur Ross Gallery. Through December 19.

*Ulysses Jenkins: Without Your Interpretation*; the first major retrospective on the work of groundbreaking video/performance artist and 2020 Pew Grant recipient Ulysses Jenkins; ICA. Through December 30.

*The Stories We Wear*; reveals how clothing and accessories offer powerful expressions of identity and examines the purpose and meaning behind what we wear, showcasing 2,500 years of style via 250 objects. Through June 12, 2022.

*FCC On 6, 7, 8: Na Kim*; installation comprising bold colors, shapes, and patterns inspired by everyday life, designed by conceptually-driven graphic designer Na Kim; ICA. Through July 10, 2022.

#### Ongoing

*Art By Mail*; display of art made by community members with kits that Kelly Writers House distributed in January; Brodsky Gallery, Kelly Writers House.

*Martha Rich: It Goes By Fast*; an exuberant and joyful splash of energy that takes full advantage of a 75' by 20' brick wall, painted by Martha Rich, MFA'11; Feintuch Family Lobby, Penn Live Arts Annenberg Center.

#### Morris Arboretum

*Loop de Loop*; Patrick Dougherty installation; stick-work sculpture. Ongoing until deterioration.

*Out on a Limb*; tree adventure exhibit celebrating its 11th year.

#### Penn Museum

*Africa Galleries: From Maker to Museum*; explore the origins of African civilizations.

*Ancient Egypt: From Discovery to Display*; examines the process of building an exhibit.

*Asia Galleries*; view ancient Asian artifacts, many of which show the development of Buddhism.

*Canaan & Ancient Israel Gallery*; explore ancient artifacts from several civilizations that have inhabited this land.

*Egypt Galleries*; view highlights from the Museum's mummy collection and more.

*Etruscan Italy Gallery*; learn about the first great rulers of central Italy.

*Greece Gallery*; explore the ancient history of the Greek empire.

*Living with the Sea: Charting the Pacific*; highlights Penn Museum's rarely-seen Oceanian collection.

*Mexico and Central America Gallery*; examine several distinct societies and collections.

*Middle East Galleries*; trace the histories of Mesopotamian civilizations.

*Native American Voices*; see ancient Native American artifacts alongside contemporary perspectives.

*Rome Gallery*; explore everyday items from the Roman Republic and Empire.

*Sphinx Gallery*; view the museum's famous Sphinx among sympathetic objects from across the globe.

### FILMS

**1** *Enduring Care*; repeated showings of a film highlighting strategies of community care within the ongoing HIV epidemic; noon-6 p.m.; Institute of Contemporary Art; info: <https://icaphila.org/events/day-without-art-2021-enduring-care/> (ICA).

**9** *The Conductor*; screening of film about internationally renowned conductor Marin Alsop, the first woman to direct the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra and the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra; 7 p.m.; Montgomery Theater and online screening; tickets: <https://pennlivearts.org/event/the-conductor> (Penn Live Arts).

### FITNESS AND LEARNING

**1** *Admissions Webinar for High School Students*; info for prospective students and their families interested in Penn's traditional four year BSN program; 5 p.m.; online webinar; register: <https://key.admissions.upenn.edu/portal/visit-nursing> (Penn Nursing). Also December 8, 15.



Jazz vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant (left) and mandolin player Chris Thile (right) are among the musical performers appearing at Penn Arts Live in December.

**6** *Coffee With a Codex*; Dot Porter, Penn Libraries, presents a manuscript from Penn's collections; noon; Zoom webinar; info: <https://schoenberginstitute.org/coffee-with-a-codex/> (Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies). Also December 13. 📺

**14** *How to Stand Out in the Virtual Job Market*; Andrea Lieberman, C'88, uses the experiences she had in front of the camera as an Emmy award-winning anchor/reporter and a national sportscaster to show how to stand above the rest; 4 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/libraries-workshop-dec-14> (Penn Alumni; Penn Libraries).

**16** *Master in Law Information Session for the Penn Community*; will give an overview of the various options available to Penn staff, faculty, and students at Penn Carey Law, including the master in law (ML) degree, certificate in law, and how to take a class at the law school; noon; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/law-info-dec-17> (Penn Carey Law). Also December 17, noon, for general audiences.

**19** *Penn Ice Rink Holiday Skate*; free admission with a new toy donation for Toys for Tots; 1-2 p.m.; Penn Ice Rink (Business Services).

**African-American Resource Center**  
Zoom webinars. Info: <https://aarc.upenn.edu/events>.

**14** *AARC Presents: Grief Workshop*; noon.

**15** *WOCAP Noontime Lunch Series Presents: Eloquent Expressions: The Art of Public Speaking*; noon.

**16** *Men of Color (Monthly Huddle Meeting) Presents: Don't Think Too Hard: Addressing Mental Health Stigmas*; noon.

**31** *Community Lunch Program: Open Forum with AARC and PWC*; noon.

#### College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS)

Online events. Info: [www.upenn.edu/lps-events](http://www.upenn.edu/lps-events).

**2** *Master of Liberal Arts Virtual Information Session*; noon. 📺

*Master of Science in Applied Geosciences Virtual Café*; noon. 📺

**7** *Master of Environmental Studies Virtual Café*; noon. 📺

*Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Virtual Information Session*; 5:30 p.m. Also December 21, noon. 📺

**8** *Fels Institute of Government Virtual Information Session*; 9:30 a.m. 📺

**15** *Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Programs Virtual Information Session*; 5 p.m. 📺

**Graduate School of Education (GSE)**  
Online events. Info: <https://www.gse.upenn.edu/news/events-calendar>.

**2** *McGraw Prize Webinar: How Can Computer Agents Help Adults Learn?*; 1 p.m.

**3** *Friday Virtual Chats with Admissions*; noon. Also December 10, 9 a.m.; December 17, noon.

**8** *Holiday Cheer Exchange*; for faculty and staff; all day.

**13** *International Educational Development Program Virtual Info Session*; noon.

**14** *Executive Doctorate in Higher Education Management Program Information Session*; noon.

*Education Entrepreneurship - December Virtual Information Session*; 4 p.m.

#### Human Resources Workshops

Unless noted, online events. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/penn-hr-workshops>.

**1** *Chair Yoga*; noon. Also December 15.

**2** *Preventing Holiday Shopping Fraud*; 10:15 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.

*Monthly Wellness Walk: Holiday Style*; noon; meet at Ben Franklin Statue, College Hall.  
*Guided Mindful Meditation*; noon.  
*Managing Caregiving in the Era of COVID-19*; 1 p.m.

**3** *30-Minute Mindful Meditation*; noon. Also December 10, noon; December 17, noon.

*Express Barre*; noon.  
*Stretching Express*; 12:30 p.m.

**6** *Later Career: Planning Your Retirement with PNC Bank*; noon.

**7** *Spinning*; 11:30 a.m.; in-person event. Also December 21, 11:30 a.m.

*Mindful Food Choices*; noon.  
*Planning for College? Save with a 529 Plan*; noon.

*Communication Improved, Conflict Reduced*; 12:30 p.m.

*Strategies for Fostering Positive Attitudes and Embracing Change: Ideas for Sustainable Life Balance*; 12:30 p.m.

*Gaining Insight: Navigating Debt Consolidation and Understanding the Mortgage Process*; 3 p.m.

**8** *Estate Planning Basics*; noon.

*Your Career at Penn*; 12:30 p.m.  
*She's Got It: A Woman's Guide to Saving and Investing*; 3 p.m.

**9** *Halfway There: A Retirement Checkpoint*; noon.

*Leadership Awareness*; 12:30 p.m.  
*Well-Rounded Retirement Overview*; 2 p.m.

*The Power of Saving*; 3 p.m.

**13** *30-Minute Chair Yoga Plus Core*; noon.

**14** *Mindful Meals for the Holidays*; noon.  
*Financial Footsteps: Part II With MetLife*; 12:30 p.m.

**17** *Yoga Sculpt Express*; noon.  
*Yin Yoga Express*; 12:30 p.m.

#### LGBT Center

Online and in-person events. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/lgbt-center-calendar>.

**1** *Fall Semester Writing Room*; 3-7 p.m.; LGBT Center.

*Weekly Kiki*; 4 p.m.; outside LGBT Center. Also December 8, 15.

**3** *Staff and Facul-TEA*; 1 p.m.; online event. Also December 17.

#### Morris Arboretum

In-person events. Info: <https://www.morrisarboretum.org/>.

**1** *Garden Highlights Tour*; weekdays, 10:30 a.m.; weekends, 1 p.m.

**3** *Holiday Wreath Making and Decorating Workshop*; Cheryl Wilks, Flowers On Location; 1-3 p.m. Also December 4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**4** *Wellness Walks*; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March.

**10** *Holiday Tabletop Tree with Lights*; Cheryl Wilks, Flowers On Location; 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Also December 11, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**11** *Holly Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour*; 11 a.m.

**Penn Museum**  
Online and in-person events. Info: <https://www.penn.museum/calendar>.

**16** *Ancient Alcohol After Hours: Tour and Wine Pairing*; 6-8 p.m.; online event. 📺

**29** *Night Vision: Monsters, Myths, and Legends Flashlight Tour*; 6:30 p.m.; Penn Museum. Also December 30. 📺

**School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2)**  
Unless noted, online events. Info: <https://www.sp2.upenn.edu/sp2-events/>.

**4** *Admissions Information Session: Master's Programs*; 10 a.m. Also December 9, 5 p.m.; December 13, 2 p.m.

**8** *Admissions Information Session: MS in Nonprofit Leadership (NPL)*; 3 p.m.

**17** *SP2 Friday*; 6-8 p.m.; courtyard, Caster Building.

#### MEETINGS

**2** *Open Session of the WXPEN Policy Board*; noon; WXPEN, 3025 Walnut St; noon; info: [tess@xpn.org](mailto:tess@xpn.org) or (215) 898-0628.

#### MUSIC

##### Music Department

In-person events. Info: <https://music.sas.upenn.edu/events>.

**4** *Penn Symphony Orchestra*; performance by iconic ensemble founded in 1878; 8 p.m.; Irvine Auditorium. 📺

**6** *Penn Samba*; performance featuring a wide variety of rhythms from many different regions of Brazil; 5 p.m.; Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall. 🎧

**9** *Penn Arab Music Ensemble*; multi-instrumental performance by Penn students and professional Arab musicians; 8 p.m.; Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall. 🎧

#### Penn Live Arts

Info and tickets: <https://pennlivearts.org/events/>.

**12** *Cécile McLorin Salvant*; performance by acclaimed jazz singer of standards and original compositions; 7 p.m.; Zellerbach Theater. 🎧

**16** *An Evening With Chris Thile*; dazzling and whimsical performance by mandolin virtuoso Chris Thile; 7:30 p.m.; Zellerbach Theater. 🎧

**18** *The Philly Nutcracker*; the Philly Pops Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia performs Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's 1960 jazz holiday magnum opus; 8 p.m.; Zellerbach Theater. 🎧

### ON STAGE

**10** *Dorrance Dance*; master choreographer Michelle Dorrance pushes the boundaries of tap in this edgy and seductive piece premiering in Philadelphia; 8 p.m.; Zellerbach Theater; tickets: <https://pennlivearts.org/event/dorrance-dance-1002> (Penn Live Arts). Also December 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 🎧

### READINGS & SIGNINGS

**9** *Abundance: On the Experience of Living in a World of Information Plenty*; Pablo Boczkowski, Northwestern University; 1 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/boczkowski-reading-dec-9> (Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication).

#### Kelly Writers House

Online and in-person events. Info: <http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/calendar/1221.php>.

**2** *A Celebration of 1960*; Al Filreis, English; 6 p.m.; Garden, Kelly Writers House and YouTube livestream.

**6** *A Reading by the Students of XFIC*; 6 p.m.; Arts Café, Kelly Writers House.

**7** *Generation Pandemic*; Alan Jinich and Max Strickberger, SAS; 6 p.m.; Arts Café, Kelly Writers House.

**8** *A Reading by Students in Kathryn Watterson's Memoir Workshop*; 6 p.m.; Arts Café, Kelly Writers House and YouTube livestream.

**9** *Writers House Salon*; 7:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar.



*Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia in 1875. On December 8, a panel of speakers will discuss the role of community in American Jewish life.*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**1** *Holiday Garden Railway*; visit the trains and buildings at Morris Arboretum, which are all dressed up for the holiday season; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily; free with Morris Arboretum admission; info: <https://www.morrisarboretum.org/events/special.shtml#simple12> (Morris Arboretum). *Holiday Garden Railway Nights: December 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 26, 4:30-7:30 p.m.*; tickets: \$15/member adult; \$8/member child; \$20/non-member adult; \$10/non-member child. 🎧

### SPORTS

In-person events. Venues and info: <https://pen-nathletics.com/calendar>.

**1** *Men's Basketball vs. Villanova*; 7 p.m.

**5** *Wrestling vs. Penn State*; 7 p.m.

**3** *Women's Basketball vs. Duke*; 1 p.m.

**7** *Women's Basketball vs. St. Joseph's*; 7 p.m.

**28** *Men's Basketball vs. James Madison*; 2 p.m.

### TALKS

**1** *The Anti-Fascist Aesthetics of Dziga Vertov, From the 1920s to the 1960s*; Julia Alekseyeva, English; noon; room 330, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Cinema & Media Studies).

*Bacteria-Mediated Histone Modifications in Health and Disease*; Melanie Hamon, Institut Pasteur Paris; noon; BlueJeans webinar; join: <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xqbzwhrb> (Microbiology).

*Brittle Materials: The Seismic Stabilization, Repair and Restoration of 1914 Brick and Terra Cotta at the First Congregational Church of*

*Long Beach, California*; John Fidler, John Fidler Preservation Technology Inc.; noon; Morgan Gallery, Meyerson Hall; register: <https://tinyurl.com/fidler-talk-dec-1> (Historic Preservation).

*Evaluating the Impact of Deploying Body-Worn Cameras on New York City Police Department Officers*; Anthony Braga, criminology; noon; room 410, McNeil Building (Criminology).

*The Art of AIDS*; panel of speakers; 1 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/gsws-talk-dec-1> (Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies).

*From Molecular Simplicity to Supramolecular Complexity: Low Symmetry Packings of Ionic Spherical Micelles*; Mahesh Mahanthappa, University of Minnesota; 3:30 p.m.; Wu and Chen Auditorium, Levine Building (Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering).

*Physical Computation in Insect Swarms*; Orit Peleg, University of Colorado; 3:30 p.m.; room A8, DRL (Physics & Astronomy).

*Cold War or Cold Peace? Russia, America, & the New World Disorder*; Benjamin Nathans, history; 5 p.m.; room 200, College Hall (History).

*Emiliano Zapata From Many Angles*; Obed Arango, SP2; 6 p.m.; Penn Museum and online webinar; tickets: \$5/virtual, \$9/member, \$15/general; register: <https://tinyurl.com/arango-talk-dec-1> (Penn Museum).

**2** *Gen Z and Public Service*; panel of student speakers who have interned in the public sector; noon; room 205, College Hall; register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gen-z-and-public-service-tickets-205803934107> (Paideia Program).

*Heterogeneous Cultural Logics Shared by South Koreans: Using Explicit and Implicit Responses from Surveys*; Ji Hye Kim, Korean studies; noon; room 623, Williams Hall and Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/kim-talk-dec-2> (Korean Studies).

*Imperialism, Colonialism, Reparations, and the "Universal" Museum*; Patty Gerstenblith, DePaul University; 12:30 p.m.; online webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/gerstenblith-talk-dec-2> (Penn Museum).

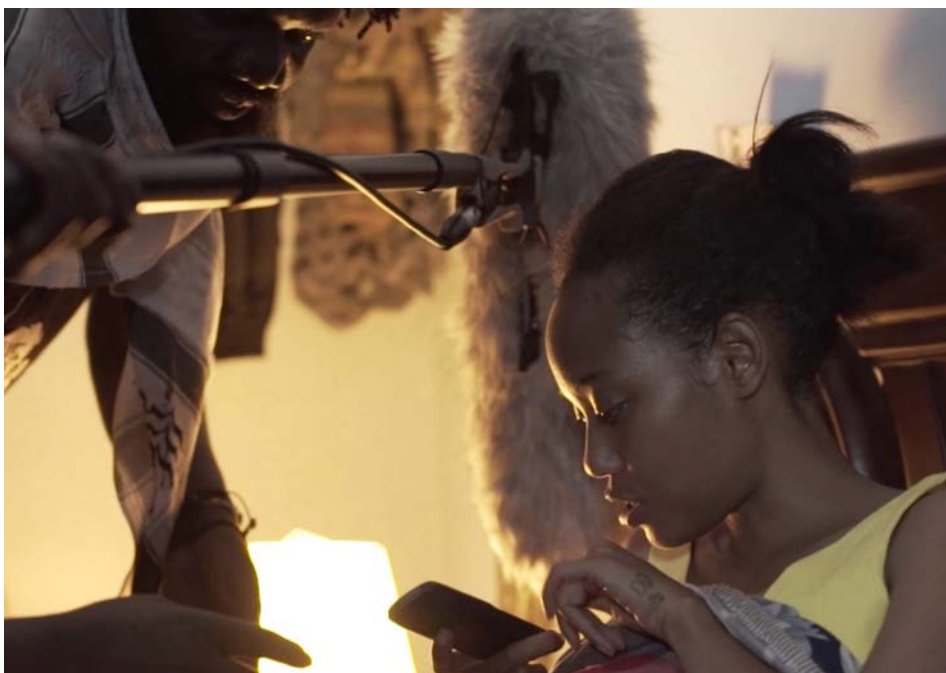
*The Addressable Subject: Numbering Houses in Kabul, 1931-1973*; Ali Karimi, Annenberg School; 1 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/karimi-talk-dec-2> (CARGC).

*Improving Alveolar Microvasculature as a Potential Therapeutic Approach for Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia*; Vladimir Kalinichenko, Cincinnati

### Penn's Special Winter Vacation

Each year, the President, Provost and Senior Executive Vice President assess the feasibility of observing Penn's traditional Special Winter Vacation. The Special Winter Vacation granted to faculty and staff will be *December 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2021*. As an additional gesture of gratitude, this year's Special Winter Vacation will be extended to include *January 3 and 4, 2022*. If an employee is required to work to continue departmental operations for part or all of this period, the Special Winter Vacation can be rescheduled for some other time. Staff members who are absent from work either the work day before a holiday, the work day after a holiday or both days will receive holiday pay if that absence is charged to pre-approved paid time off or to sick days substantiated by a written note from the staff member's health care provider.

—Division of Human Resources



A scene from a film in the Enduring Care program, which will play on December 1 at the Institute of Contemporary Art as part of a day-long recognition of World AIDS Day.

Children's Hospital; 4 p.m.; BlueJeans webinar; join: [https://bluejeans.com/574742202120/831444129093?src=join\\_info](https://bluejeans.com/574742202120/831444129093?src=join_info) (Penn-CHOP Lung Biology Institute).

*The 9th Annual GVR Khodadad Lecture - The Neuroscience of Altruism, Selfishness and Well-Being*; Kristin Brethel-Haurwitz, Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, NIH, 4:30 p.m.; room 111, Levin Building; RSVP: [info@neuroethics.upenn.edu](mailto:info@neuroethics.upenn.edu) (Center for Neuroscience & Society).

*Justice and the Judicial Role: The Quest for Empathy and Impartiality*; Tomiko Brown-Nagin, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; 4:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar; info: <https://tinyurl.com/brown-nagin-talk-dec-2> (Penn Carey Law).

*The Carmen Saeculare: Prayer and Performance*; Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound; 4:45 p.m.; room 402, Cohen Hall and Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/classical-studies-fall-2021> (Classical Studies).

*Reappearing Acts: Asian Americans at the End of the Novel*; Jane Hu, UC Berkeley; 5 p.m.; Zoom meeting; info: <https://tinyurl.com/hu-talk-dec-2> (English).

*Why the Fishhead Faces Left and Other Tales: Learning from Food Workers in Japan*; Merry White, Boston University; 5 p.m.; room B10, Stiteler Hall; register: <https://www.event-brite.com/e/180223010877> (Center for East Asian Studies).

*Defining Landscape Architecture in the Early 20th Century: Race and Gender*; Thaïsa Way, University of Washington; 6 p.m.; room B3, Meyerson Hall (Landscape Architecture).

*Postcommodity*; Cristóbal Martínez and Kade Twist, Postcommodity; 6 p.m.; Institute of Contemporary Art and Zoom webinar; info: <https://icaphila.org/events/weitzman-lecture-postcommodity/> (Fine Arts).

**3** *Does Increased K-12 Funding Improve Student Learning and Narrow Achievement Gaps? New Evidence from California's Local*

*Control Funding Formula*; Rucker Johnson, UC Berkeley; 12:30 p.m.; room 203, GSE and Zoom webinar; info: [mibahti@upenn.edu](mailto:mibahti@upenn.edu) (GSE).

*Computational and Experimental Modeling of Membrane Distillation*; Alparslan Oztekin, Lehigh University; 2 p.m.; PICS large conference room, 3401 Walnut Street (Penn Institute for Computational Science).

*The Restoration of Icons in the Premodern World*; Ivan Drpić, history of art; 3:30 p.m.; room B3, Meyerson Hall and Zoom webinar; join: <https://tinyurl.com/drpic-talk-dec-3> (History of Art).

**6** *The Limits of Medical Pluralism in India: Lessons from History*; Projit Mukharji, history and sociology of science; 8 a.m.; Zoom meeting; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/96901696381#success> (Perelman School of Medicine).

*The Recent History of the Indian Household: A Mixed Methods Approach*; Etienne Breton, Population Aging Research Center; noon; room 150, McNeil Building (Population Studies Center).

*Unfoldings and Nets of Regular Polytopes*; Satyan Devadoss, UC San Diego, and Sam Shmian Zhang, University of Colorado Boulder; 2 p.m.; Zoom meeting; info: <https://tinyurl.com/devadoss-zhang-dec-6> (Mathematics).

*Working Group on Digitality, Embodiment, Affect, and Performance*; panel of speakers; 5 p.m.; room TBA, Annenberg School (Center On Digital Culture and Society).

*Unstable Access to the Print Record: The Case of Back Number Budd and 19th Century Newspapers*; Ellen Gruber Garvey, New Jersey City University; 5:15 p.m.; Class of 1978 Pavilion, Van Pelt Library (Workshop in the History of Material Texts).

**7** *Federal Support for Local Workforce Solutions*; panel of speakers; 10 a.m.; online livestream; info: <https://pennur.upenn.edu/events/federal-support-for-local-workforce-solutions> (Penn Institute for Urban Research).

*Forms of Dwelling: Intimate Space and Reproductive Labor in María Luisa Mendoza's El perro de la escribana*; Pavel Andrade, Hispanic and Portuguese studies; noon; room 473, McNeil Building; register: <https://tinyurl.com/andrade-talk-dec-7> (Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies).

*Home, At the End of the World*; Kathleen Belew, University of Chicago; noon; room 209, College Hall and Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/96303694831#success> (History).

*Proteins and DNA: New Tools Through Chemical Modification*; Joanna McGouran, Trinity College Dublin; 3:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/97682459971> (Chemistry).

*Humanizing ESG: Why Diversity, Wage Inequality, and Workers Rights Deserve Our Attention*; Witold Henisz, management; Andrew Plepler, Bank of America; John Streur, Calvert Research and Management; 4:30 p.m.; LinkedIn livestream; register: <https://www.linkedin.com/events/6859473680347516928/> (Wharton Lecture Series).

*How Race and Social Inequities Influence Healthy People's Paid Participation in FDA-Required Clinical Trials*; Jill Fisher, UNC Chapel Hill; 5 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/fisher-talk-dec-7> (Penn Program on Regulation; Penn Carey Law).

*From Man of Letters to Man of God: The Social Origins of Clerical Authority in Nigeria*; Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas; 5:30 p.m.; room 401, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Africana Studies).

**8** *Infection and Immunity in the Urinary Tract*; Indira Mysorekar, Baylor College of Medicine; noon; BlueJeans webinar; join: <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xqbwzwhrb> (Microbiology).

*Who Counts and How? Reckoning with Continuity and Community*; panel of speakers; noon; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/katz-talk-dec-8> (Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies).

*The End of Asylum*; Michael Jones-Correa, political science; 5 p.m.; World Forum, Perry World House and Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/jones-correa-dec-8> (Wolf Humanities Center).

**9** *Tissue-Inspired Synthetic Biomaterials*; Shelly Peyton, UMass Amherst; 1:30 p.m.; room 216, Moore Building and Zoom webinar; info: <https://events.seas.upenn.edu/event/be-seminar-shelly-peyton/> (Bioengineering).

*40 Years of Queer BIPOC Feminism*; Jennifer Nash, Harvard, and Jasbir Puar, Rutgers; 3:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/nash-puar-dec-9> (Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies).

*How to Make a Fighting Fish: the Genetics of Domestication of Betta Splendens*; Andres Bendesky, Columbia; 4 p.m.; location TBA; info: <https://tinyurl.com/bendesky-talk-dec-9> (Biology).

*Social Change and the Global Middle East: Governance*; Noura Erakat, Rutgers; Lisa Anderson, Columbia; Hocine Fetni, sociology; 4:30 p.m.; room 250, PCPSE (Middle East Center).

*White Blindness, and Knowing One's Limits in Plato's Alcibiades*; Sukaina Hirji, philosophy; 4:45 p.m.; room 402, Cohen Hall and Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/classical-studies-fall-2021> (Classical Studies).

**Fels Public Policy in Practice Speaker Series;** Lisa Cook, Michigan State University; 6 p.m.; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/cook-talk-dec-9> (Fels Institute of Government).

**Weitzman Lecture;** Candice Lin, artist; 6 p.m.; Institute of Contemporary Art and Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/98844208789#success> (Fine Arts).

**10 The Future of Brazil;** Roberto Unger, Harvard; 10 a.m.; location TBA; info: <https://tinyurl.com/unger-talk-dec-10> (Penn Carey Law).

**COVID-19 Vaccines: One Year Later;** panel of speakers; noon; Zoom webinar; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/93356764317> (Leonard Davis Institute).

**Creating a Culture of Learning: What I Learned at the Harlem Children's Zone;** Betina Jean-Louis, Arc of Evidence; 12:30 p.m.; room 203, GSE and Zoom webinar; info: [mibahti@upenn.edu](mailto:mibahti@upenn.edu) (GSE).

**13 Mitochondria and Cell Signaling;** Gyorgy Hajnoczy, Thomas Jefferson University; 2 p.m.; Austrian Auditorium, CRB and BlueJeans webinar; join: [https://bluejeans.com/832338401576/571349048955?src=join\\_info](https://bluejeans.com/832338401576/571349048955?src=join_info) (Pennsylvania Muscle Institute).

**Archaeology Without a Shovel: Investigating the Ancient City of Motya, Sicily;** Jason Herrmann, Penn Museum and anthropology; 6 p.m.; online event; register: <https://tinyurl.com/herrmann-talk-dec-13> (Penn Museum).

**14 Hope, Bias, and Survival Expectations of Advanced Cancer Patients: A Cross-Sectional Study;** Eric Finkelstein, Duke University; noon; Zoom webinar; register: <https://tinyurl.com/finkelstein-talk-dec-14> (Medical Ethics & Health Policy).

**The Role of Black Philanthropy in Activism and Social Justice;** Tyrone McKinley Freeman, Indiana University, and Kat Rosqueta, Center for High Impact Philanthropy; noon; Zoom meeting; join: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/97629234541> (SP2).

**A Structured Multivariate Approach for Removal of Latent Batch Effects;** Jun Young Park, University of Toronto; 12:30 p.m.; Zoom webinar; join: <https://tinyurl.com/park-talk-dec-14> (Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics).

**16 How Cells Deal With Fat: Mechanisms of Lipid Storage and Mobilization;** Jeeyun Chung, Harvard; 4 p.m.; Austrian Auditorium, CRB and Zoom webinar; join: <https://tinyurl.com/chung-talk-dec-16> (Physiology).

**17 The Rescue of Armenian Historiography and the Chronicle of Matthew of Edessa;** Tara Andrews, University of Vienna; noon; Zoom webinar; register: <https://libcal.library.upenn.edu/calendar/kislak/Andrews> (Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies).

**21 Evolving African Ethnic Identity and Recognizing Relatedness: An Exploration of Identity Development Among African Americans Using Genetic Genealogy to Find African Relatives;** LaKisha David, medical ethics & health policy; noon; Zoom meeting; register: <https://upenn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsfu6vrT-kvEtQrNrurKci52ebGP6gUMVQ> (Medical Ethics & Health Policy).

## Economics

In-person events. Info: <https://economics.sas.upenn.edu/events>.

**6 Two-Stage Maximum Score Estimators;** Wayne Gao, economics; noon; room 100, PCPSE.

**7 Rational Inattention via Ignorance Equivalence;** Michèle Müller-Iten, Notre Dame; 4 p.m.; room 101, PCPSE.

**13 Spatial Correlation Robust Inference;** Ulrich Müller, Princeton; 4 p.m.; room 100, PCPSE.

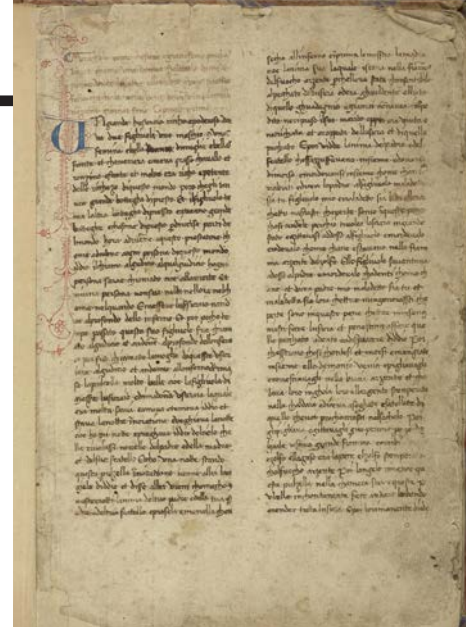
## Penn Dental

Online webinars. Info: <https://www.dental.upenn.edu/news-events/events/>.

**2 Microsomal Triglyceride Transfer Protein in Lipid Metabolism;** Mahmood Hussain, NYU Langone Health; noon.

**9 Optimizing the Property and Function of Gingiva-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells (GMSC) for Peripheral Nerve Regeneration;** Quanzhou Zhang, Penn Dental; noon.

**15 Oral Healthcare Access for People with Disabilities: What are We Doing for Pennsylvanians?;** Helen Hawkey, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health; 5:30 p.m.



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## Holiday Giving With Penn VIPS—Gift/Toy Drive: December 1-16

Please join us in the Annual Penn Volunteers in Public Service (VIPS) 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 the People's Emergency Center, local schools, Potter's House Mission, Southwest Family Services, and more. All items for the holiday drive must be new, not used, and should be unwrapped. We are also undertaking a new sneaker drive to benefit the homeless.

Please contact one of the Dropsite Committee members listed below for more information about the Holiday Food Drive and Gift/Toy Drive:

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**Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays Program:** Several departments have adopted a deserving family for the holidays and will provide the family with toys, food, and gifts so that they can have a joyous holiday. 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 requests. Departments choose the size of the family they would like to adopt. Departments also may indicate 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 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 to have gifts delivered. Also, if departments would like to use services like Amazon, gifts can be 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 began this month and assignments are made by mid-December.

Contact Isabel Mapp at (215) 898-2020 or email [sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) for additional information about the opportunities above and/or to make a donation.

—Isabel Sampson-Mapp, Netter Center for Community Partnerships