$18 Million Tobacco Regulatory Science Research Grant for PSOM

The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Rutgers University School of Public Health have received one of nine grants from the US Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health for a new cohort of Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS 2.0). The grant, $18 million over five years, will drive research that will provide data to protect public health and inform regulatory science issues related to the effects of tobacco marketing and tobacco control.

Penn’s center is focused on examining the effects of advertising, packaging and labeling on perceptions, use and exposure of combustible tobacco products such as cigarettes and arillos (short, narrow cigars that are wrapped in tobacco leaves or brown tobacco-based paper). Researchers combine expertise in assessing smoking behaviors, toxin and nicotine exposure, as well as eye tracking and product risk perception measures to better understand the impact of potentially misleading advertising claims, descriptors, labeling and packaging features of combustible tobacco products.

“We are taking a comprehensive approach to better understand the effects of tobacco advertising and packaging—from psychological responses to use patterns and exposure,” said Andrew Strasser, principal investigator and director of the Fels Institute of Government.

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Penn President Amy Gutmann introduced eminent global leaders Joe Biden, the 47th Vice President of the United States and the Benjamin Franklin Presidential Practice Professor at Penn, and Nicholas Clegg, the former UK Deputy Prime Minister, who have worked together closely in the past, to a packed crowd of more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff in Irvine Auditorium, with an apt nod to Lin-Manuel Miranda’s smash Broadway musical Hamilton.

“You all know the show-stopping number that never fails to bring the house down: ‘The Room Where It Happens,’” President Gutmann said. “For the next hour or so, that’s where we get to be.”

The capstone event between Vice President Joe Biden and Nicholas Clegg capped off a two-day Perry World House colloquium, Competing Visions of the Global Order, which featured an eminent slate of world leaders. This event was “truly one for the history books,” said President Gutmann. It was the Center’s second fall colloquium.

These types of conversations—raw and informative—are the basis of what Perry World House was hoping to achieve throughout the entire colloquium, which kicked off last Monday with closed working groups for students, faculty and policymakers. The event continued Tuesday with public sessions featuring a slate of world leaders, including Felipe Calderón, former President of Mexico; Richard Verma, former US Ambassador to India; and two former US national security advisers: Susan Rice, who served under President Barack Obama, and H.R. McMaster, who served under President Donald Trump, speaking about the past, present and future of international relations.

Michael DiBerardinis: Professor of Practice at Fels

Michael DiBerardinis, who has served as managing director for the City of Philadelphia under Mayor James Kenney since January 2016, will be joining Penn’s School of Arts and Sciences in January 2019 as a Professor of Practice at the Fels Institute of Government.

As managing director, Mr. DiBerardinis has played a critical role in the Kenney administration, overseeing and coordinating activity across most major operating departments of the city’s government.

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Steven J. Fluharty, SAS Dean and Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Professor of Psychology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience, said that “Michael DiBerardinis is the ideal example of what we seek in a professor of practice. His track record of achieving results in government perfectly complements the expertise of our standing faculty and creates unparalleled learning opportunities for our students.”

Mr. DiBerardinis’s prior posts have included deputy mayor for environmental and community resources, commissioner of the department of parks and recreation, special advisor to the Free Library of Philadelphia, and secretary of conservation and natural resources for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In addition to teaching, Mr. DiBerardinis will play a central role in leading a world-class mentoring program for Fels students, according to Matt Levendusky, professor of political science and Penny and Robert A. Fox Director of the Fels Master of Public Administration program.

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Deaths

David Batista, Law Library

David Batista, former librarian at the Biddle Law Library, died May 31, from complications due to cancer. He was 68.

Mr. Batista earned his bachelor’s degree in Russian history from the University of Illinois in 1974, his JD from Southern Illinois University in 1978, and his master’s of science in library science at the University of Illinois in 1982. Before coming to Penn in 1984, he worked at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, and after he left Penn in 1990, he worked at Rutgers Law School-Camden, where he obtained tenure as an associate professor serving as the faculty research services librarian. He was there until 2017. Mr. Batista is survived by his wife, Emily, coordinator of access services and resource sharing at Van Pelt-Dietrich Library; his brother, Philip; and his sister, Maria.

Giulio D’Angio, CHOP and PSOM

Giulio John (Dan) D’Angio, emeritus professor of radiation oncology at Penn’s School of Medicine and a pioneer in the treatment of children’s cancers, died September 14 at his residence in Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. He was 96.

Dr. D’Angio grew up in Brooklyn and Westchester County, New York. He attended Columbia University for his undergraduate degree and then Harvard Medical School, graduating in 1945. He spent a year at Boston Children’s Hospital before serving with the US Army Corps in Japan. After returning in 1948 to the US, he worked at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, and then began his radiology training at Boston City Hospital. In Boston, he worked in a lab with Sidney Farber, founder of the Children’s Cancer Research Foundation, the precursor to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He held various teaching positions and was an associate research radiologist at Donner Laboratory at UC-Berkeley before coming to Penn as a professor of radiology. His primary appointment later changed to radiation therapy; he held secondary appointments in pediatrics and radiology. He was president of the Medical Faculty Senate, and he earned tenure in 1977 and received emeritus status in 1997.

At CHOP, Dr. D’Angio served as director of the Children’s Cancer Center, where he built the foundation for the current “bench-to-bedside and back” research efforts used across the campus today. He was named a fellow of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) (Almanac September 26, 2006). He served as the president of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology and chair of the National Wilms Tumor Study. He was the founder of the Late Effects Study Group, which ultimately led to the Office of Cancer Survivorship at the National Institutes of Health, as well as the Histioocyte Society, the Society for Pediatric Radiology, and the Pediatric Radiation Oncology Society. Dr. D’Angio wrote more than 500 articles, books, book chapters, editorials and commentaries. The Giulio D’Angio Chair in Neuroblastoma Research at CHOP was established in his honor.

He was among the first to think of combining different cancer treatments. He changed how Wilms’ tumor, a cancer of the kidneys, was treated, and the survival rate during his career rose from 40 to 90 percent. He also recognized the harmful effects of radiation therapy on young children and organized the first randomized clinical trial that eliminated this curative but harmful modality. Working with Dr. C. Everett Koop, they described the remarkable spontaneous regression of an identifiable subset of neuroblastoma in infants and together developed a staging system that is largely the one used today. His work has helped children with leukemia, medulloblastoma and neuroblastoma. He was an early champion of total care, or looking out for a child’s overall needs.

Jeremy Nowak, Penn IUR

Jeremy Nowak, a Penn Institute for Urban Research (Penn IUR) fellow and advisory board member, died July 28 from complications due to a heart attack. He was 66.

Dr. Nowak founded the Philadelphia-based Reinvestment Fund, specializing in social investment and urban policy and strategy. In 2011 and 2012, he was president of the William Penn Foundation, where he developed the blueprint for their grant making. He was a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a scholar at Penn IUR and former chair of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. In 2016, he was a recipient of the Penn IUR Urban Leadership Award (Almanac April 26, 2016). He was named an advisory board member for Penn IUR last year (Almanac February 21, 2017).

Jeremy Nowak Memorial: October 3

Join Penn IUR in The Living Room at The Inn at Penn on Wednesday, October 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for reflection and conversation about pathbreaking social innovator Jeremy Nowak’s enduring work. Mr. Nowak pioneered the framework of “new localization,” coordinated Philadelphia’s Neighborhood Transformations Initiative, and championed the financing of community development as a solution for struggling neighborhoods. Integrating public, private and non-profit expertise to create shared social and financial good, his work serves as a precedent and template for achieving collective urban prosperity.

Speakers will include Ira Goldstein, president, Policy Solutions, The Reinvestment Fund; Patricia Smith, president and CEO, The Funders Network; and former Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, who across their respective fields have advanced similar causes with their missions of igniting positive urban growth for the benefit of all.
From the President and Provost

Creation and Implementation of A New Second Year Experience Program

A Message to the Penn Community:

At Penn, we are strongly committed to ensuring the success of our students on campus and beyond. To advance this mission for our undergraduate community—and after robust consultations with student leaders, College House faculty and staff, undergraduate deans, trustees, student advisors and other campus partners—we are pleased to announce the creation and implementation of a new Second Year Experience Program. This year, the Program will begin to offer expanded programming and new events designed specifically for second-year students, both across campus and in individual College Houses. Starting with the incoming Class of 2024, the Program will house all Penn sophomores in a two-year College House system. Just as the opening of the Quad more than a century ago profoundly and positively impacted our University, the Second Year Experience Program will help shape the social, intellectual and cultural connections that will distinguish the Penn undergraduate experience for generations of students to come.

We believe that a two-year College House system will measurably strengthen the sense of community among our first- and second-year students—promoting students’ achievement and well-being, enhancing support for students’ academic and social lives, and increasing opportunities to engage with diverse programs and viewpoints. Housing all sophomores on campus also will eliminate a major source of stress and anxiety for first-year students, who have told us that they feel pressured to consider second-year housing options during their first semester as Penn students.

Our new Second Year Experience will include special programs designed specifically to address the unique needs of second-year students. These programs will encompass not only successful ongoing programs such as the Majors and More Dinners and the Wharton Sophomore Experience but also sophomore-specific courses, celebrations and social events, such as the new Sophomore Day that was held just a few weeks ago.

Penn’s ability to support a full two-year College House system will be made possible with the opening of New College House West in fall 2021, which will increase capacity for an additional 450 upperclass students on campus. In addition to New College House West, we will continue making major investments in Penn’s existing College Houses in the years ahead.

Penn’s 12 College Houses, each with its own focus and traditions, offer vibrant opportunities for self-discovery and enrichment. As living and learning communities of undergraduates, faculty, staff and graduate students, they help bridge the academic life of the classroom with our living spaces. There is evidence that students engaged in College House-type programs adjust better to college life, develop healthier habits, engage in fewer high-risk behaviors and perform better academically than their peers living off-campus. The 2017 Task Force on a Safe and Responsible Campus Community outlined these and related opportunities to better support student wellness and augment campus living and learning. A structured, community-oriented residential experience helps students develop smart, sound habits that will serve them well long after graduation.

In the months ahead, we look forward to sharing more details about our new Second Year Experience Program and Penn’s transition to a two-year College House system. We are confident that these initiatives will further Penn’s commitment to helping all students thrive as members of our Penn community and in their lives after graduation.

—Amy Gutmann, President
—Wendell Pritchett, Provost

SP2: Launching OpenSP2

In an effort to provide the most accessible, yet unparalleled, professional and continuing education opportunities, Penn’s School of Social Policy & Practice has launched OpenSP2. OpenSP2 gives individuals and organizations access to some of SP2’s most brilliant minds and research in social work, policy and non-profit leadership, both on- and off-campus. Current course topics being piloted include focuses on child welfare, animal assisted social work and kinship care.

OpenSP2 is designed to complement the school’s existing masters and doctoral programs. Now accepting applications, OpenSP2 includes non-credit and certificate programs offered on campus and online, with course flexibility that allows professionals to continue working while engaging with the field’s leading scholars. This includes an Advanced Certificate in Oncology Social Work—the first of its kind in the world—which welcomed its first cohort in September. Online programming includes a massive open online course led by former dean Richard Gelles.

Instructional consulting and academic oversight for OpenSP2 is provided by SP2 faculty. In addition to professional learning courses, OpenSP2 will produce media, digital publications and events focusing on the research of the SP2 faculty. Learn more at https://www.sp2.upenn.edu/academics/opensp2

Trustees September Meeting Coverage

The University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees held meetings on Thursday, September 27, 2018, following the Convocation welcomed the Class of 2022 by President Amy Gutmann.

President Amy Gutmann noted that her two new deans: Mark Wolf, Morton Amsterdam Dean of Dental Medicine, and Andrew Hoff, Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, President Gutmann also mentioned Sally Bachman, who has been named dean of SP2 and will join Penn on January 1, 2019 (Almanac September 4, 2018).

Dean of Dental Medicine Radnor—a multi-specialty facility—will be financed cost effectively with the issuance of new indebtedness (2018 Bonds) for a term of up to 30 years. The first one was to authorize financing of certain First Day 2018 the consolidated University’s total net assets were $18.6 billion, an increase of $2.3 billion over the prior year, driven primarily by strong operating performance and investment returns. The Associated Investments Fund (AIF) return of 12.9% was above budget. On the Academic side, the contributions totaled $442 million, an increase of $17 million from the prior year. The Health System had an increase in operating revenue from $6.1 billion to $6.8 billion. Expenses increased from $5.8 billion to $6.4 billion.

PSOM Dean Larry Jameson mentioned that the 152 new medical students’ first lecture was given by Jean Bennett, one of the PSOM researchers who developed the gene therapy recently approved by the FDA to correct patients’ vision (Almanac January 9, 2018). Dr. Jameson also announced that the ‘152 new medical students’ first lecture was given by Jean Bennett, one of the PSOM researchers who developed the gene therapy recently approved by the FDA to correct patients’ vision (Almanac January 9, 2018).

The Trustees passed two resolutions. The first one was to authorize financing of certain capital projects up to $200 million, which can be financed cost effectively with the issuance of new indebtedness (2018 Bonds) for a term of up to 30 years. The second one is to authorize a plan to finance the Penn Medicine Radnor—a multi-specialty facility—to sell a portion of land and development rights at 145 King of Prussia Road and sell a building and land at 250 King of Prussia Road in order to expand the clinical space as well as accommodate increased programmatic needs. All patient services there would move to the new facility by June 2020.

Building the Future of Work at Penn: October 11

The Human Capital Management Initiative (HCM) is hosting another event in the series Building the Future of Work at Penn on October 11 in Fitsch Auditorium at Penn Law. The Executive Sponsors and Program Management Office of the Human Capital Management Transformation Initiative will present at the event.

Workday, a cloud-based, next-generation human capital management system, will replace many of the current systems that manage faculty affairs, human resources, payroll and other human capital management-related processes.

This event will address: What are the benefits to individual employees, including staff, faculty, temporary and student workers? What’s changing from the point of view of an “employee as self”?

To register to attend this town hall, visit www.workday.upenn.edu

ALMANAC October 2, 2018
Jean Bennett, Samuel Jacobson, Albert Maguire, and Claire M. Fagin

Claire M. Fagin Discharge Decision Aid Award

Three members of the Perelman School of Medicine faculty have been named among the recipients of the 2018 António Champalimaud Vision Award for their revolutionary work leading to the first successful gene therapy to cure an inherited condition of childhood blindness. The recipients from Penn are Jean Bennett, the F.M. Kirby Professor of Ophthalmology; Samuel G. Jacobson, professor of ophthalmology; and Albert M. Maguire, professor of ophthalmology.

The award honors seven researchers who share a 1 million Euro prize for scientific advances leading to the successful treatment of a condition known as Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA). Their work led to the December 2017 FDA approval of the first gene therapy for an inherited condition. The award is supported by Vision 2020—The Right to Sight, a global blindness-prevention initiative launched in collaboration with the World Health Organization and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Kathryn H. Bowles: Distinguished Researcher Award

Kathryn H. Bowles, the van Ameringen Chair in Nursing Excellence and a professor in Penn Nursing’s department of biobehavioral health sciences, will receive the Claire M. Fagin Distinguished Researcher Award. The award is given to a Penn Nursing faculty member or a graduate from the school’s doctoral program who has made a distinguished contribution to nursing scholarship.

Dr. Bowles’s research has focused on the use of information technology and health informatics to improve health care for at-risk older adults and support health-care providers’ efforts to improve planning and provide transitional care following hospital discharge, thereby reducing hospital readmissions. Her ongoing studies include the development of decision support tools to determine the best site of care for those needing post-discharge services; telehealth technology applications; the effect of home care and post-acute referrals on patient outcomes; and evaluation of electronic health records.

Dr. Bowles discovered a unique set of high-risk factors that determined which older patients were most likely to need continued skilled care after discharge. She and her team developed and validated a decision-support methodology that identified patients who need post-acute care, through RightCare Solutions, which she co-founded in 2012, and her team incorporated the Discharge Decision Support System (D2S2) into a software product that helps hospitals assess patients for post-acute care needs, optimizes workflow and ultimately lowers the number of readmissions. In 2015, naviHealth acquired RightCare Solutions.

Dr. Bowles will deliver her lecture “From Inquiry to Innovation: How a Clinical Question Became a Business Opportunity” on October 25, 3-5 p.m. at Fagin Hall. For more information or to RSVP visit https://tinyurl.com/y825xhna

Robert Schoenberg: Lifetime Achievement Award

Robert Schoenberg, the founding director of the Penn LGBT Center, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at their 2018 Social Work Conference on September 13. The award recognized his advocacy and impact on social policy in his more than 40 years as a member of the chapter.

Dr. Schoenberg, the first director of the LGBT Center, was named director of the center at its founding in 1982, serving for 35 years until his retirement in October 2017 at the LGBT Center’s 35th anniversary celebration (Almanac October 3, 2017).

Krystal Strong: Spencer Foundation Grant

Krystal Strong, GSE assistant professor in the literacy, culture and international education division, has received a $50,000 grant from the Spencer Foundation to support the next 14 months of the project “Education and Political Change: Mapping Contemporary School Protests in Africa.” Dr. Strong’s research team will complete the first comprehensive, cross-national database of the incidence and causes of school-based protests in Africa since 2000 and will use interactive mapping technology to make this data publicly accessible to global researchers and practitioners.

Dr. Strong is also a member of the graduate group in anthropology, and a faculty affiliate of Africana Studies. Dr. Strong’s research and teaching combine anthropological approaches to formal and non-institutional educational processes, politics and activism, youth, new media technologies, and popular culture in Africa and the African Diaspora. Topically, she focuses on the politicization and cultural practices of youth, the ambivalent role of educational institutions in the social reproduction of power and privilege and as critical sites of political struggle, and the intersections of these processes across transnationally and digitally networked spaces.

Richard Weller, Architecture, Landscape Architecture: DesignIntelligence “Most Admired” Lists

Richard Weller, the Meyerson Chair of Urbanism, chair of PennDesign’s department of landscape architecture and co-executive director of The Ian L. McHarg Center for Ecology and Urbanism, has been named to the roster of Most Admired Educators in landscape architecture by DesignIntelligence. The department of landscape architecture earned PennDesign the second spot in the nation among the “Top 25 Most Admired Schools” and “Most Hired From Schools” for landscape architecture. The department of architecture ranked 11th on the list for graduate study.

Dr. Weller is recognized for “pushing boundaries and thought in a variety of directions” and for his “distinctive interpretation of contemporary landscape and urbanism.”
Penn Dental Medicine students with a passion for serving vulnerable patients will now have a new resource to support their interests and goals thanks to a $1 million scholarship grant from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, the philanthropic branch of Delta Dental of Pennsylvania. Delta Dental's Oral Health Education grant will endow in perpetuity the awarding of two $25,000 scholarships each year to DMD students who desire to work in an underserved area after graduation and who have demonstrated a commitment to community outreach during their studies. The grant award was announced in August and the first application cycle will open this fall for interested candidates in the current third-year class.

“While all of our students gain experience serving the underserved through our community-based service learning courses, we see a significant number of students with a great interest go above and beyond what is required and develop extensive experience in the community,” said Joan Gluch, division chief of community oral health and co-director of the grant with Olivia Sheridan, assistant dean for admissions. “What’s exciting about this scholarship is that it will provide the support that some students need to ultimately pursue this path after graduation. The need is great, because approximately 48 million people in the United States live in areas with dentist shortages.”

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities: October 15 Deadline

The Wolf Humanities Center (formerly Penn Humanities Forum) awards five one-year Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships each academic year to junior scholars in the humanities who are no more than eight years out of their doctorate and who are not yet tenured (may not be tenured during the fellowship year). Scholars are required to spend the year (late August–May) in residence at Penn. For the 2019-2020 academic year, their topic will be Kinship (follow link below for more information). The Fellowship carries a stipend of $56,225 plus single-coverage health insurance (fellowships are responsible for coverage for any dependents) and a $3,000 research fund. Fellows teach one undergraduate course in either the fall or the spring semester in addition to conducting their research.

The PhD is the only eligible terminal degree, and applicants must be humanists or those in such allied fields as anthropology or history of science. Ineligible categories include an MFA or any other doctorate such as EdD, social scientists, scholars in educational curriculum building, and performing artists (note: scholars of performance are eligible).

The fellowship is open to all scholars, national and international, who meet application terms.

The application deadline is October 15 for each subsequent year’s fellowship. Fellowship guidelines and application are available on the Center’s website, https://wolfhumanities.upenn.edu/fellowships/andrew-w-mellon-postdoctoral-fellowship-humanities

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The project will also focus on four cores, which will provide continued surveillance of the tobacco industry’s marketing strategies for combustible tobacco products; tobacco regulatory science training and career enhancement opportunities; and expert support on emerging biomarkers, analytic approaches and regulatory expertise.

The goal of the project is to help consumers make informed decisions about the use of “modified risk tobacco products (MRTPs)” while avoiding the deceptive marketing and advertising practices of the past, which led consumers to believe those products were safer than they truly were.

The new research continues work from the first TCORS grant to Penn, made in 2013, to Robert C. Hornik, the Wilbur Schramm Professor of Communication and Health Policy at the Annenberg School for Communication, and Caryn Lerman, the John H. Glick, M.D. Professor in Cancer Research at PSOM (Almanac, October 1, 2013). Additional Penn collaborators include: Ja-net Audrain-McGovern, associate professor in PSOM’s department of psychiatry and a member of Penn’s Cancer Center; Melissa Mercincavage, CIRNA postdoctoral fellow; and Joseph Cappella, the Gerald R. Miller Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School for Communication.
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Hiring People with Disabilities
Presentation October 11

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gram, and John Lapinski, Robert A. Fox Leadership Professor of Political Science, and faculty director for the Fels Executive MPA program.

“Michael is a lifelong public servant who is deeply knowledgeable about the inner workings of city life in our region. His connections and decades of wisdom and experience will make him a fantastic mentor and open doors for students eager to be leaders in their communities,” said Dr. Lapinski.

Dr. Levendusky adds, “I’m thrilled Michael will be joining us. As a professor of practice, he will serve as a bridge between the standing faculty and the practitioner community and ensure that Fels continues to produce outstanding public-sector leaders.”

Morris Arboretum’s Saturday Morning Live Tour in October: Sculpture

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Penn’s Way 2019 Raffle Prizes
Week One (Drawing: October 8, 2018)

Visit www.upenn.edu/pennsway for more information about the raffle and making a pledge. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on the prior Friday for inclusion in a given week’s drawing. Note: list subject to change.

Office Depot: Supply Basket ($100)
Fisher Scientific: Lowe’s Gift Card ($50)
Fisher Scientific: Home Depot Gift Card ($50)
Fisher Scientific: Lowe’s Gift Card ($50)
Specialty Underwriters LLC: Amazon Gift Card ($100)
Philadelphia Eagles: Carson Wentz autographed 8x10 photo ($50)
Sponsor: prize (value)
Seas and Cities: Paintings by Lisa Reindorf October 11-November 5

Lisa Reindorf (C’77) believes that “artists have the ability to bring together scientific and creative disciplines and interpret data and information through creative insight and vision.” Much of her work focuses on the obliteration of the natural world to make way for cities—and the obliteration of cities by the natural world. She paints aerial views of coastal areas that depict cities and architectural infrastructure inundated by rising seas and storm surges. Gridded geometric patterns are overlaid with swirling patterns of color in vibrant hues. With imaginative work, Reindorf presents a view of how artists depict the chain of sea rise, starting with global warming, melting icebergs and rising seas. The talk, open to the public, will be held at the Burrron Gallery and will be followed by a reception.

Ms. Reindorf has a B.A. from Pennsylvania State University where she majored in architecture and studied design of the environment, as well as a master of architecture from Columbia University. She is an architect, artist and climate change activist and has recently completed an artist residency at the studios at Mass MoCA, the largest contemporary art museum in the country.

The Burrron Gallery is located in the University Club at Penn on the 2nd floor of The Inn at Penn, 3611 Walnut Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Employee Resource and Volunteer Fair: Today

The Annual Employee Resource and Volunteer Fair is today, Tuesday, October 2, from noon-1:30 p.m. in Bodek Lounge and the Reading Room, Houston Hall. The purpose of the fair is to provide information to Penn faculty and staff regarding the vast and varied campus resources and services available to them as well as volunteer opportunities. The fair will be open to the entire Penn community. In addition to the Employee Resource Fair there will be a Volunteer Fair organized in tandem with the event. This Volunteer Fair takes place in the Reading Room of Houston Hall. There will be approximately 10-15 local non-profits represented at the fair. The Penn Professional Staff Assembly (PPSA) and the Penn Weekly-Paid Professional Staff Assembly (WPSSA), in partnership with the offices of the Executive Vice President and the Division of Human Resources, co-sponsor this event.

The University Archives and Records Center has arranged for Penn's shredding vendor, Docu-Vault, to shred personal papers free of charge for Penn employees during the fair. This shredding service provides a great opportunity to reduce risks—such as the possibility of identity theft—by securely disposing of confidential papers that are no longer needed. The Records Center will also collect personally owned computer hard drives and personal consumer electronics (such as old TVs and monitors) that are brought to the Fair, and arrange for them to be transported at a later date to another Penn vendor, GigaBiter, who will securely dispose of them at no charge to Penn employees.

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Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are the Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for September 17-23, 2018. Also reported were 25 Crimes Against Property (1 drunkenness, 1 auto theft, 2 DLSs, 2 others, 3 frauds and 15 thefts) with 8 arrests. Full 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 and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of September 17-23, 2018. The University Police actively patrol from Market St 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 occurrence of crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

**18th District**

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 13 incidents (5 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults, 2 domestic assaults, 1 assault, 1 rape) with 2 arrests were reported between September 17-23, 2018 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

09/17/18 2:06 PM 3966 Market St Aggravated Assault/Arrest
09/17/18 2:44 PM 217 S 45th St Robbery
09/18/18 10:13 PM 4421 Osage Ave Robbery
09/18/18 2:54 PM 3000 South St Domestic Assault
09/18/18 1:19 AM 3005 Walnut St Aggravated Assault
09/19/18 11:09 AM 120 S 49th St Aggravated Assault
09/19/18 11:25 PM 4900 Larchwood Ave Robbery
09/21/18 1:12 AM 4800 Chestnut St Robbery
09/21/18 5:56 PM 237 S 48th St Aggravated Assault/Arrest
09/22/18 12:19 AM 3400 Civic Center Blvd Rape
09/22/18 1:20 PM 3800 Spruce St Robbery
09/22/18 8:55 PM 4819 Warrington Ave Domestic Assault
09/23/18 5:51 PM 49th and Baltimore Ave Assault

**Update**

October AT PENN

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**11 Division of Public Safety Open House:** try the firearm training simulation machine; learn how to use a fire extinguisher; learn about RAD self-defense programs and fingerprinting; tour the state-of-the-art PennComm Emergency Communications Center and meet members of the ERT team; 1-4 p.m.; DPS Headquarters, 4040 Chestnut St.; info: https://tinyurl.com/y3dnp7kv (Public Safety).

**12 Beyond the Walls: The University of the Future:** about the role of the university in society and industry with University stakeholders; 8 a.m.-5:45 p.m.; Perry World House; register: https://unifuture.network/2018/01/beyond-the-walls/

**AT PENN Deadlines**

The October AT PENN is online. The deadline for the November AT PENN is October 15. Submissions for the weekly Update are due each Monday for the subsequent week’s issue. Events are subject to change.

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For landscape architect and Practice Professor of Landscape Architecture Emeritus Laurie Olin, drawing is about making places. An exhibition of many of his original drawings opens Monday, October 8, and run through Thursday, December 20, at the Kroiz Gallery in Penn’s Architectural Archives.

This exhibition gathers examples from seven decades of his work and explores the imaginative ways that he uses drawing to see and understand the world around him. Curiosity, observation and wonder inspire his graphic engagement and have filled the pages of his many sketchbooks and flowed out onto sheets and rolls of many sizes. “Drawing, Professor Olin remarked, “helps you see…what is good about the good…to discern what is really good, and to recognize the subtleties.”

In Alaska, where Professor Olin grew up, “everybody tells stories.” Living at the edge of that immense wilderness, Professor Olin found his graphic mentors on the pages of popular magazines and in syndicated comic strips shipped in by air to his hometown of Fairbanks. Folk stories, like those found in Alaskan Igloo Tales, with illustrations by indigenous artist George Aghgupuk, depicted the landscape, wildlife and culture around him.

Formal training in drawing came during architecture school at the University of Washington (BArch, 1961), and yet, the urge of the narrative tradition remained strong. After five years working as an architect in Seattle and New York City, Professor Olin withdrew from practice and fully invested himself into drawing and painting. It was a deep dive into the surreal, unsettled late 1960s. His drawings ranged between the precise and the gestural. They explored themes of “sex, anxiety, politics….all sorts of stuff,” but mostly they captured in vivid detail the world around him, first, from the interior of a 16-by-16-foot cabin in Amagansett, Long Island, and later, from Agate Point on Puget Sound. He experimented with different types of paper—some made smooth by their clay content—and even tried drawing with broken sticks dipped in ink. His most poignant drawings of the period were made after his return to the Pacific Northwest. His many sketches of Seattle’s Skid Row community depict men, seemingly with nothing to do, living at the margin of society. “I was in a mood and I just started drawing,” said Professor Olin, “and I kept drawing until some other upheaval occurred. I couldn’t help myself but to draw a lot.”

His drawings, thereafter, carry this experience. Beginning in 1972, as he returned to practice and began teaching, Professor Olin found time for intensive periods of drawing in England, Italy, America and China. “You can never teach someone how to draw,” said Professor Olin, but you can teach someone “how to see.” Drawing is a key for him, to pass “through sight and feeling into an understanding beyond appearance, and strive to reach the essence of things.”

He has taught at Penn for more than 30 years and is former chair of the department of landscape architecture at Harvard University. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and recipient of the 1998 Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is the recipient of the 2012 National Medal of Arts, the highest lifetime achievement award for artists and designers bestowed by the National Endowment for the Arts and the President of the United States (Almanac September 10, 2013). He also holds the 2011 American Society of Landscape Architects Medal, the society’s highest award for a landscape architect (Almanac November 1, 2011). In 2006, the long-time Penn faculty member won the School of Design’s G. Holmes Perkins Award for Distinguished Teaching by a member of the practitioner faculty (Almanac May 23, 2006).

Works on view will include over 50 original drawings from his travels and explorations in the United States, Europe and Asia, as well as studies for a number of important landscapes including Apple Park in Cupertino, California and the Washington Monument grounds in Washington, DC.

The Harvey & Irwin Kroiz Gallery, Architectural Archives, at 220 South 34th Street, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibition has been made possible by the generous support of the Shedd Endowment and the Friends of the Architectural Archives.

There will be a public event there, on November 28 at 6:30 p.m., Laurie Olin in Conversation.