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Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Linguistics: Mark Liberman



Mark Liberman

Dr. Mark Liberman has been appointed the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Linguistics in the School of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Liberman is the director of the Linguistic Data Consortium (LDC), an open consortium of universities, companies and government research laboratories that is housed at Penn and supports language-related education, research and technology development by creating and sharing linguistic resources. He is also a professor in the department of computer and information science in the School of Engineering & Applied Science and the former co-director of the Institute for Research in Cognitive Science.

Dr. Liberman's research interests include the psychology and phonetics of lexical tone and its relationship to intonation; the gestural, prosodic, morphological and syntactic ways of marking focus and their use in discourse; formal models for linguistic annotation; and information retrieval and information extraction from text. He serves as the faculty master of Ware College House and the faculty director of College Hous-

es and Academic Services.

Dr. Liberman received his PhD in linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the founder of Language Log, a blog which houses articles from dozens of professional linguists.

This chair is one of ten Browne Distinguished Professorships created by the late Christopher H. Browne, C'69, former chairman of the Board of Overseers of the School of Arts and Sciences and trustee of the University of Pennsylvania (*Almanac* December 22, 2009). The Browne Chairs recognize faculty members who have achieved an extraordinary reputation for scholarly contributions, who have demonstrated great distinction in teaching, and who have demonstrated intellectual integrity and unquestioned commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

MacArthur Foundation Award: Dennis Culhane and John Fantuzzo

Dr. Dennis Culhane, The Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy in the School of Social Policy & Practice and Dr. John Fantuzzo, The Albert M. Greenfield Professor of Human Relations in the Graduate School of Education have received \$1.275 million from the MacArthur Foundation to conduct a multi-site study of the educational well-being of children in assisted housing programs. The study will take place over the course of two years.

Based on a 2008 national survey done by Dr. Culhane and Dr. Fantuzzo to locate existing integrated data system sites (*Almanac* September 15, 2009), five locations—Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; the State of South Carolina; the State of Michigan; and the State of Washington—were identified as having both housing and educational data as part of their integrated database systems. All of these sites have established and tested high-quality longitudinal data systems that integrate data across educational and human services data systems. All sites will be funded through this MacArthur grant with the exception of the State of Washington. The State of Washington will be funded through a \$275,000 grant from the Bill and Me-



Dennis Culhane



John Fantuzzo

linda Gates Foundation. (Note that all 5 sites are members of the MacArthur-funded Intelligence for Social Policy (ISP) Network that was established after the 2008 national survey was completed.)

This study will link individual-level student records and assisted housing records in the five sites to ascertain how children in households participating in different assisted housing programs fare in terms of academic achievement, educational attainment, and behavioral adjustment, as compared to a matched group of children who do not reside in assisted housing. The results will speak to the effects of assisted housing on children's educational outcomes.

This research study will create or reinforce interagency dialogue surrounding the current state of assisted housing and education with relevant agency representatives. The goal is to have the policy-relevant research inquiry of this study foster sustainable interagency communication and policy change.

The final aim is to have this multi-site study become a model for how other municipalities and states can use integrated data systems to answer critical questions in the areas of assisted housing and educational well-being. The study is designed to be replicated in every state and municipality by using publicly monitored data accessible to local and state government. Each step of this research process will be intentionally documented such that replication of multi-site studies using integrated housing and education data could be replicated and scaled nationally should assisted housing data become available.

HUD has agreed to provide assisted housing data for these five sites for use in this research study.

This work represents meaningful collaborations between systems at multiple levels that foster the flow of information between researchers, policymakers, and community supporters in the areas of housing and education.

Penn Medicine Executive Vice Dean for Institutional Affairs: Brian Strom



Brian Strom

Dr. Brian L. Strom has been appointed Executive Vice Dean for Institutional Affairs at Penn Medicine. The appointment, made by Dr. J. Larry Jameson, EVP of the University of Pennsylvania Health System and Dean of the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine, took effect on March 1, 2012.

In his new role, Dr. Strom will assume the responsibilities of coordinating Penn Medicine's efforts in comparative effectiveness research, as well as the Neuroscience of Behavior Initiative, which seeks to strengthen Penn's programs in basic, translational, clinical, and popu-

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Silfen University Forum: March 19

This year's David and Lyn Silfen University Forum will consider the question *Is America Broken? A Conversation on the 2012 Elections and Beyond*. The Forum will take place on Monday, March 19 from 4:30-6 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium.

President Amy Gutmann will moderate the discussion with a distinguished group of experts including *New York Times* columnist Charles Blow; Penn associate professor of political science and NBC News election analyst John Lapinski; former White House speechwriter and *Wall Street Journal* columnist Peggy Noonan; former Philadelphia Mayor and Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell and former US Senator Alan Simpson. "After what is sure to be a stimulating conversation, our panelists will field questions from the audience," Dr. Gutmann added.

General admission tickets are available at the Annenberg Box Office through March 16. Admission is free for all faculty, staff and students with a PennCard.

For those who cannot attend the event in person, a live webcast will be available on the Silfen Forum website at www.upenn.edu/silfenforum/webcast.html

Visit www.upenn.edu/silfenforum for more detailed event information.

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SENATE From the Senate Office

The following agenda is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Any member of the standing faculty may attend SEC meetings and observe. Questions may be directed to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
3–5 p.m.

Meyerson Conference Center, Room 223, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library

(The room is directly across from the elevator on the second floor)

Please Note Change in Meeting Room.

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1. Approval of the minutes of February 15, 2012 (1 minute)
2. Chair's Report (10 minutes)
3. Past Chair's Report (3 minutes)
4. Penn Goes Global: Strategic Thinking for Global Engagement (45 minutes)
Ezekiel Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives
5. Senate Committee on Committees Ballot (5 minutes)
6. Discussion and vote on the Graduate School of Education proposal to increase the allotment of Senior Lecturers (45 minutes)
7. Formulate questions for the April SEC meeting discussion with President Amy Gutmann (5 minutes)
8. New Business

An Interactive Symposium for Women Faculty on Women & Money: How to Grow it, Stretch it, & Have Enough to Last a Lifetime: March 20

Women & Money: How to Grow it, Stretch it, & Have Enough to Last a Lifetime, an interactive symposium for women of all ages will be presented by the Penn Forum for Women Faculty, co-sponsored by PASEF (Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus Professors) on Tuesday, March 20, 3:30-5 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin Meeting Room, Room 218, Houston Hall. The event is open to all women faculty. For more information email forum@pobox.upenn.edu with questions.

Recent evidence suggests that women need to save much more than men for retirement. Women live longer and tend to live longer as singles during retirement and they often fail to plan adequately for what they hoped would be their "golden years." This symposium will cover topics that women should focus on now to build a successful financial foundation for the future. Dr. Olivia S. Mitchell, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans Professor from the Wharton School will begin by outlining key challenges for women's future financial security, and then will moderate a discussion among the panelists.

The panel will include Jennifer Crowe of TIAA-CREF, Margaret E. W. Sager of Heckscher, Teillon, Terrill & Sager, P.C. and Alisa M. Shin of Vanguard.

Penn Medicine's Executive Vice Dean for Institutional Affairs Dr. Strom

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lation research in the areas of addiction, depressive disorders, and neurodegenerative disease. In consultation with Dean Jameson, Dr. Strom will also provide administrative leadership for the recruitment of department chairs, center and institute directors, and other senior faculty members. Along with other members of Penn Medicine leadership, he will also assist with implementing recommendations that emerge from the School's current strategic planning process.

"Over more than three decades, Brian has made enormous contributions to the success of Penn Medicine," Dr. Jameson said. "He began his career at Penn as an assistant professor in 1980, rising through the ranks of the faculty while also holding positions of increasing administrative responsibility. I have enormous respect for his skills, judgment, and temperament and am delighted that he will be expanding his role on behalf of Penn Medicine."

Since 2007 Dr. Strom has served as vice dean for institutional affairs, with primary responsibilities as Penn Medicine's liaison to the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center and Penn's global health programs in Guatemala and Peru. He will continue to serve the School in these areas.

Dr. Strom is the founding chair of the department of biostatistics and epidemiology and the founding director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Penn Medicine. As the George S. Pepper Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, he has served as chair and center director since 1995.

Author of more than 550 papers and principal investigator of more than 250 grants, he is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and one of the few clinical epidemiologists elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and American Association of Physicians. He is renowned for his work in the field of pharmacoepidemiology, and serves as editor-in-chief for *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, the official journal of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology.

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Under the Faculty Senate Rules, formal notification to members may be accomplished by publication in Almanac. The following is published under that rule.

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Larry Gladney, Chair, Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Senate Nominations 2012-2013

1. In accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules, official notice is given of the Senate Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for the incoming Senate Officers. The nominees, all of whom have indicated their willingness to serve, are:

Chair-elect:

- Dwight Jaggard, School of Engineering & Applied Science

Secretary-elect:

- Stephen Phipps, School of Arts & Sciences

At-large Members of the Senate Executive Committee:

to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:

- Chris Bradway, School of Nursing
- Paulo Arratia, School of Engineering & Applied Science
- Salimah Meghani, School of Nursing
- Gustavo Aguirre, School of Veterinary Medicine

Assistant Professor Members of the Senate Executive Committee:

to serve a 2-year term beginning upon election:

- Matthew McHugh, School of Nursing

Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility:

to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:

- John Bassani, School of Engineering & Applied Science
- Edward T. Lally, School of Dental Medicine
- Alan T. Charlie Johnson, Jr., School of Arts and Sciences/Physics & Astronomy

Senate Committee on

Economic Status of the Faculty:

to serve a 3-year term beginning upon election:

- Lorraine Tulman, School of Nursing
- Carolyn Gibson, School of Dental Medicine

2. Again in accord with the Senate Rules you are invited to submit "additional nominations, which shall be accomplished via petitions containing at least 25 valid names and the signed approval of the candidate. All such petitions must be received no later than 14 days subsequent to the circulation of the nominees of the Nominating Committee. Petitions must be received by mail at the Faculty Senate, Box 12 College Hall/6303, or by hand at the Faculty Senate Office, 109 Duhring Wing by 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 27.

3. Under the same provision of the Senate Rules, if no additional nominations are received, the slate nominated by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected.

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Deaths

Ms. Newstein, Development and Alumni Relations

Ms. Renee Newstein, a retired staff member, died on February 22, at the age of 70.

Ms. Newstein worked at of the University of Pennsylvania for more than 32 years; she started in 1974 as executive secretary to Edward F. Lane, the assistant vice president for development, and E. Craig Sweeten, senior vice president. In 1982, Ms. Newstein transferred to University Libraries as executive secretary to the director, Richard De Gennaro, and returned in 1984 to Development and Alumni Relations as executive secretary to the vice president for development and alumni relations, Dr. Ross A. Webber and subsequently Frederick C. Nahm who succeeded Dr. Webber. In 1990, Ms. Newstein joined the Development Services team as staff assistant to Director Marilyn Lucas, responsible for assisting with special assignments and writing and research projects, a position she held until she retired from Penn on October 16, 2006.

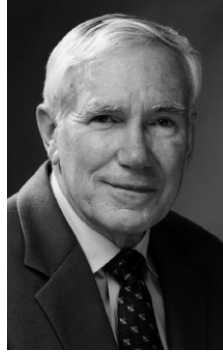
A colleague noted that, "Renee's steadfast dedication to her work, amazing eye for detail, institutional knowledge and skill set were invaluable."

Ms. Newstein is survived by her sister, Ruth S. Rosenthal.

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former faculty and staff members, students and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu. Notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu

Dr. Worrell, Engineering



Wayne Worrell

Ni and Co alloys, studies of high temperature oxidation resistant composites and coatings, and the electrochemical behavior of oxide components in solid oxide fuel cells. His work led to more than 110 papers, 10 patents and 26 doctoral theses. As a professor he mentored over 40 graduate students and 30 post-doctoral fellows and visiting professors.

In addition to his research contributions to electrochemical science, Dr. Worrell was very active with the Electrochemical Society. He served as president of the Society in 1992, vice president and executive committee member from 1989-1992, a member of the board of directors in 1989-1993 and served on several of their committees. In 1996 he was elected hon-

orary member of the society. The society has recognized his research and service through numerous awards. These include the Carl Wagner Memorial Award; the Solid State Science and Technology Award and the Edward Acheson Medal, the highest award offered by the society. Dr. Worrell was also Fellow of the American Ceramic Society and ASM international (the Materials Information Society).

At Penn Engineering, Dr. Worrell also served as chair of the department of materials science and engineering (1996-1998) and associate dean of graduate education and research (1986-1992).

Dr. Worrell received his bachelor of science degree in 1953 and his PhD in 1963 from MIT, both in metallurgy. After two years as a post-doctoral fellow and lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, he joined the University of Pennsylvania as an assistant professor of metallurgy in 1965. He was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and to full professor of materials science and engineering in 1974.

Dr. Worrell is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Fred and Caroline; and six grandchildren, Marion, William, Peyton, Daniel, Lauren Grier and Lauren Elizabeth.

Memorial donations may be made to University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering & Applied Science, 220 South 33rd St., Towne Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6391 or to Friends of Acadia (National Park), 43 Cottage St. #D, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 or to Electrochemical Society, 65 South Main St. Bldg. D, Pennington, NJ 08534-2839.

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Global Literacy in the 21st Century: Problems and Prospects, also Inauguration of UNESCO Chair

The University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education will host *Global Literacy in the 21st Century: Problems and Prospects*, at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 15 in Huntsman Hall.

Featuring Irina Bokova, the director-general of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, this symposium is free and open to the public.

Global Literacy in the 21st Century is part of the formal inauguration of the new UNESCO Chair in Learning and Literacy in Penn GSE. The event is co-sponsored by Penn's Office of the Provost, Penn GSE International Educational Development Program, International Literacy Institute and GSE.

Dr. Dan Wagner, a professor at GSE and director of Penn's International Literacy Institute, will be recognized as UNESCO chair during the event, which will include introductory remarks from Ezekiel Emanuel, a Penn Integrates Knowledge professor and the vice provost for global initiatives at Penn; GSE's Dean Andy Porter, and Nerissa Cook, the US deputy assistant secretary of state.

Panelists include Richard Whelden, director of the US Agency International Development's Office of Education; Moses Oketch from the University of London's Institute of Education, and Vivian Gadsden, professor of child development at Penn GSE.

"UNESCO is the single United Nations agency that has consistently put global literacy and international development at the top of its priorities," Dr. Wagner said. "It is a particular honor to have Director-General Bokova come to Penn for this inauguration event, and we look forward to a continuing partnership over the years to



Irina Bokova

come. Global literacy is a very serious development goal, and this relationship will allow Penn to further its commitment to global engagement set forth by Penn President Amy Gutmann."

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versities that are committed to the United Nations' objectives, specifically its Millennium Development Goals in the areas of basic education and literacy in the world's poorest countries.

The UNESCO Chair at Penn (*Almanac* April 5, 2011) builds on decades of collaboration between this United Nations specialized agency and the University, which began in 1994 when former Director-General Federico Mayor came to Penn to help establish the International Literacy Institute (*Almanac* March 15, 1994).

The UNESCO Chair at Penn is the 18th UNESCO chair in the United States and is one of 600 UNESCO chairs in 128 countries.

Additional information is available at (215) 898-6447 or coralh@exchange.upenn.edu



Dan Wagner



Additional information on Making History: the Campaign for Penn is available at www.makinghistory.upenn.edu.

Did you know that Penn's new 3-year academic calendar is available on *Almanac's* website, Penn's mobile website and as a printable PDF?



You can also get the calendar to sync with MS Outlook, Apple iCal, Google calendar and your mobile devices by visiting www.upenn.edu/almanac/acadcal.html and following the instructions from the link at the top of the page.

University Research Foundation: April 10

The University Research Foundation (URF) is now accepting applications for its *April 10* deadline. The URF is an intramural funding program that provides up to \$50,000 support for research projects and up to \$3,000 for conference support.

The objectives of the URF research program are to:

- (1) Help junior faculty undertake pilot projects that will enable them to successfully apply for extramural sources of funding and aid in establishing their careers as independent investigators;
- (2) Help established faculty perform novel, pioneering research to determine project feasibility and develop preliminary data to support extramural grant applications;
- (3) Provide support in disciplines where extramural support is difficult to obtain and where significant research can be facilitated with internal funding; and
- (4) Provide limited institutional matching funds that are required as part of a successful external peer-reviewed application.

URF Review Panels comprise established Penn faculty members and are charged with giving preference to projects that meet one of the aforementioned criteria.

As part of the University's commitment to providing research opportunities to scholars across our campus community, URF applicants are encouraged to include undergraduate student participants within the framework of their proposals. URF Review Panels will take undergraduate participation under strong consideration when evaluating and scoring proposals. Should applicants require assistance in identifying interested and qualified undergraduates, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF) will be glad to provide support: curf@upenn.edu

Faculty members are invited to submit their research applications to one of four disciplinary areas: Biomedical Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Engineering, and Social Science and Management. In addition, URF offers a Conference Support program to provide funding for meetings designed to enhance existing research and scholarly programs, particularly in disciplines where external funding is difficult to obtain. Conferences that promote interdisciplinary and multi-school participation are given priority.

Complete details about the URF and links to the forms can be found on the Office of the Vice Provost for Research website at: www.upenn.edu/research/funding/university_research_foundation

—Steven J. Fluharty, Senior Vice Provost for Research

*In the most recent cycle, Fall 2011, of Penn's internally-funded University Research Foundation, and URF Conference Support (noted with *), the Office of the Vice Provost for Research has announced awards to the following members of the faculty for the projects listed below.*

University Research Foundation Awards and Conference Support Awards Fall 2011

Stephen Baylor, Perelman School of Medicine, Physiology; *Kinetics of Calcium Pumping by the Sarcoplasmic Reticulum in Intact Mammalian Skeletal Muscle Fibers*

*Karen Beckman, School of Arts & Sciences, History of Art; *Animation Across the Disciplines*

Eric Brown, Perelman School of Medicine, Cancer Biology; *Genome-wide screening for replication-associated chromosome breaks points*

Alison Bутtenheim, School of Nursing, Family and Community Health; *Pilot studies to improve participation in Chagas disease vector control programs*

*Xu Cheng and Xun Tang, School of Arts & Sciences, Economics; *Greater New York Metropolitan Area Econometrics Colloquium*

Margaret Chou, Perelman School of Medicine, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; *Bone and Soft Tissue Tumor Etiology: Role and Function of TRE17/Ubiquitin-Specific Protease-6*

*Cynthia Connolly, School of Nursing, Family and Community Health; *The Future of Health Care's Past: A Conference in Honor of Joan E. Lynaugh*

Harold Dibble, School of Arts & Sciences, Anthropology; *Preliminary Excavation at the Neandertal Site of La Gane (France)*

*David Dillenberger, School of Arts & Sciences, Economics; *Decision Theory Day*

Ivan Dmochowski, School of Arts & Sciences, Chemistry; *Typhoon 9000 Imaging System for Enhancing Penn Education and Research Across the Chemical, Biological, and Biomedical Sciences*

Peter Dodson, School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Biology; *Visualizing the Three-Dimensional Morphology of Plant-Eating Dinosaurs. Dynamic Applications in Studies of Ontogeny, Systematics, and Locomotion*

Russel Epstein, School of Arts & Sciences, Psychology; *Neural mechanisms underlying the cognitive benefits of restorative scenes*

Joseph Farrell, School of Arts & Sciences, Classical Studies; *Studies in the Landscapes of Latin Literature*

*Paul Guyer, School of Arts & Sciences, Philosophy; *Pure Form of Thoughts. Categories in Kant and German Idealism*

Matthew Hayes, Perelman School of Medicine, Psychiatry; *Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Signaling in the Mesolimbic Reward System in Control of Energy Balance*

Kathryn Hellerstein, School of Arts & Sciences, Germanic Languages and Literatures; *Subvention for publication of monograph, A Question of Tradition: Women Poets in Yiddish, to be published by Stanford University Press in Fall 2012.*

Marianthi Kiriakidou, Perelman School of Medicine, Rheumatology; *Novel targets in SLE: applying evidence from mouse models to studies of human lupus*

*Richard Leventhal, School of Arts & Sciences, Anthropology; *World Heritage Now: Evaluating the Past, Present, and Future of UNESCO's Cultural Policy Program*

Michael Levy, Perelman School of Medicine, Epidemiology and Biostatistics; *Transmission of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus by Cimex lectularius: Pilot Studies*

Steven Marcus, School of Social Policy & Practice; *Pilot Study to Survey Persons with Mental Illness Who are Willing and Able to Work*

*Robert Maxwell, School of Arts & Sciences, History of Art; *The Art of Sculpture, 1100-1550: A Transatlantic Dialogue*

Isabel Muzzio, School of Arts & Sciences, Psychology; *Effects of emotion on hippocampal representations and memory retrieval*

Vanessa Ogle, School of Arts & Sciences, History; *Calendars, Clocks and Conversion Charts: Reorganizing Time During the First Wave of Globalization, 1880-1930*

*Bob Perelman, School of Arts & Sciences, English; *Poetry Communities and the Individual Talent*

Dipti Pitta, School of Veterinary Medicine, Clinical Studies—New Bolton Center; *A novel approach to enhance the production efficiency of dairy cows through the application of metagenomics to rumen microbiome*

Kevin Platt, School of Arts & Sciences, Slavic Languages and Literatures; *Translation into Russian of Terror and Greatness: Ivan and Peter as Russian Myths (Cornell UP, 2011), for publication by New Literary Observer*

Mechthild Pohlschroder, School of Arts & Sciences, Biology; *Application of a Recently Developed Transposon Mutagenesis Strategy in a Model Archaeon*

Ravinder Reddy, Perelman School of Medicine, Radiology; *Ultra High Magnetic Resonance Imaging Techniques to Study Heart Disease*

*Teresa Reyes, Perelman School of Medicine, Pharmacology; *Stress Neurobiology Workshop 2012*

Timothy Rommen, School of Arts & Sciences, Music; *Antillais Sans Frontieres; Sounding the Possibilities of a Borderless Caribbean through Dominica's Creole Musics*

Julia Verkholantsev, School of Arts & Sciences, Slavic Languages and Literatures; *The Slavic Alphabet of St. Jerome: How the Translator of the Vulgate Became a Slav*

*Susan Weiss, Perelman School of Medicine, Microbiology; *1st Annual UPENN Neurovirology Symposium*

*Bethany Wiggin, School of Arts & Sciences, Germanic Languages and Literatures; *Envisioning the "Old World": Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg and Imperial Projects in Pennsylvania*

*Debra Wolfe, School of Social Policy & Practice; *Field Center Community Symposium Series: Current Controversies in Child Welfare Practice, Policy, and Research*

Are You Eligible for a Tax Credit?

Tax season is in full swing, and many of you may be looking for ways to get more money back this year. Well, with the Saver's Credit, you can.

If you're currently saving for retirement and fall within certain income limits, the Saver's Credit could reduce your tax bill by as much as \$1,000. The actual percentage is based on your tax filing status and gross income.

For instance, let's say you're single and your adjusted gross income is less than \$17,000. If you contributed \$2,000 to your retirement plan last year, you're eligible for a 50% tax credit. That means you can reduce your tax bill by \$1,000!

Wondering if you qualify? Take a look at the chart below to see if you can take advantage of this valuable tax credit. Keep in mind that if you're claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return, you're not eligible for the Saver's Credit.

For more details, visit the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov

—Division of Human Resources

Modified Adjusted Gross Income			Credit %	Maximum Tax Credit*
Married Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single		
\$0-\$34,000	\$0-\$25,500	\$0-\$17,000	50% of first \$2,000 deferred	\$1,000
\$34,001-\$36,500	\$25,501-\$27,375	\$17,001-\$18,250	20% of first \$2,000 deferred	\$400
\$36,501-\$56,500	\$27,376-\$42,375	\$18,251-\$28,250	10% of first \$2,000 deferred	\$200

*According to the IRS, the maximum annual contribution eligible for the Saver's Credit is \$2,000.

Long-Term Care Enrollment

This April, you'll have a special opportunity to enroll for long-term care insurance with Penn's new vendor, Genworth Financial.

An accident, illness or chronic disease can strike anyone—and at any age. If it happens to you or your loved ones, will you be financially prepared? Long-term care insurance can help you cover some of the costs of long-term care services received at home, in the community or in a nursing facility.

Eligible employees can enroll for long-term care coverage through Genworth during a special enrollment period that runs from Monday, April 2—Friday, April 27. If you enroll during this period, you'll be guaranteed acceptance into the plan regardless of your health status. Certain family members are eligible for coverage as well, but they must provide proof of good health. Coverage will take effect on June 1, 2012.

If you already have an existing long-term care contract with our previous vendor—John Hancock—you'll retain your coverage, but will have the opportunity to enroll with Genworth later this year.

You're encouraged to attend an upcoming information session to learn more about long-term care insurance and whether it's right for you. You can also visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu for more information.

—Division of Human Resources

Long-Term Care Information Sessions		
April 3	10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (2 presentations)	Terrace Room, Claudia Cohen Hall
April 5	10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (2 presentations)	

Open Enrollment Presentations

Learn more about the changes and enhancements to benefits for the 2012–2013 plan year at one of the following presentations. Presentations will begin at the times listed below; they run for 45 minutes and are followed by a Q&A session. Any Penn faculty or staff member may attend any of these sessions.

March 13	noon, Business Services, 4th floor board room, 3401 Walnut Street
March 20	11:30 a.m., Wolf Room, McNeil Center
March 21	2 p.m., Alumni Hall, New Bolton
March 23	noon, Room 351, Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall
March 26	9 a.m., Conference Room #1, Left Bank Building
March 29	11:30 a.m., Auditorium, BRB II/III
March 30	12:30 p.m., Sig Seigal Boardroom, Evans Building
April 2	9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Hall of Flags, Houston Hall
April 9	noon, Room 218, Fagin Hall

Almanac on Mobile Website

Almanac is now available on Penn's mobile website, in addition to *Almanac*'s other familiar paper-free options such as the website, RSS Feed and weekly *Express Almanac* email. Users can access the complete issue of *Almanac*—the University's official journal of record, opinion and news—from their mobile devices by choosing "Almanac" under the category of "News" from the mobile site's homepage, <http://m.upenn.edu>

The 2012 Recycle Mania Tournament runs through March 31.

See information at www.upenn.edu/sustainability/recyclemania.html



Introducing ISC's Service Catalog

Information Systems and Computing (ISC) is pleased to announce the availability of the ISC Service Catalog, a comprehensive new way to access and request information about ISC's services.

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What is the Service Catalog?

The web-based Service Catalog gathers, in one location, information about the services, contacts and resources ISC provides; it allows users to, more easily access information about the services with which they are familiar, or seek out information about additional or newer services that may meet their needs.

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- Communication and collaboration through telephony, email, instant messaging, secure online file sharing, and video conferencing.
- Planning, designing, and operation of core business systems that support and facilitate admissions, financial, student records and accounts, payroll, human resources, research services, and alumni/development systems.
- Data Center services such as database administration, disaster recovery and storage management for systems and services—provided in a secure, monitored, state of the art facility.
- The protection of Penn's information assets from safeguarding personal and intellectual data to securing the integrity and operation of the University's technology infrastructure with a range of security services, consulting and guidance.
- Managing and executing projects with a wide array of consultant services.

Many are familiar with these services but it can sometimes be difficult to know whom to contact for what; therefore, the catalog was developed to provide:

- One central source of information in a standard format.
- One contact point for additional information for each category.
- A full search function and an A-Z listing to quickly locate specific services.
- A web-accessible customer interface for ease of use and navigation.
- A regularly updated web presence for ISC services providing accurate, current, and timely information about new and changing services.

How Does it Work?

The catalog groups ISC services into categories, such as collaboration technology, research technology or video and media services. Each category has its own web page that provides brief service descriptions—giving a simple explanation of what is provided—with links to more detailed service information, rates, options, and contacts. For further information, a single contact email address or phone number for all the services in each category is provided.

The catalog can be accessed at www.upenn.edu/computing/isc/home/catalog

We will be gathering customer feedback over the next few months and encourage members of the Penn community to look over these new pages and send their comments and suggestions to servicecatalog-help@isc.upenn.edu

—Robin Beck, Vice President, Information Systems and Computing

Don't Pass GO, Until You Visit the Supplier Show Purchasing Services Supplier Show: March 28

On Wednesday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the 2012 Purchasing Services Annual Supplier Show will be held at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut Street. Purchasing Services, Division of Business Services, welcomes all Penn staff and faculty members to participate in this year's event in line with the Year of Games: "Don't Pass GO, Until You Visit the Supplier Show."

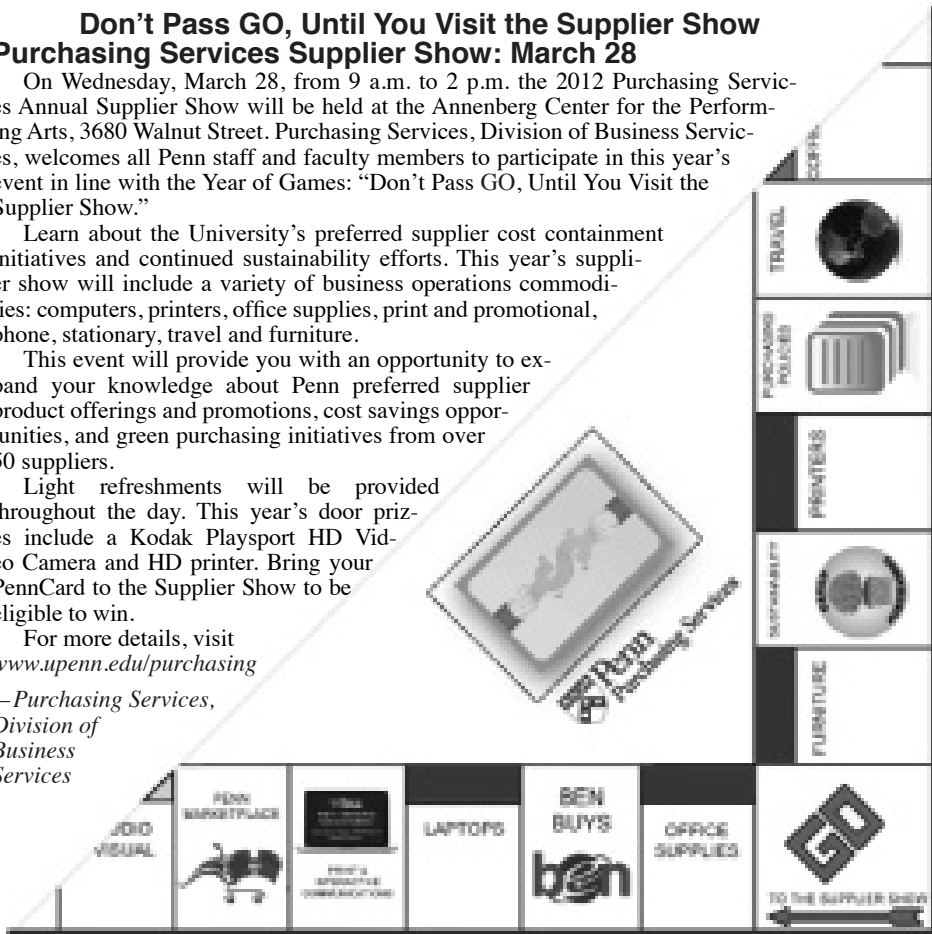
Learn about the University's preferred supplier cost containment initiatives and continued sustainability efforts. This year's supplier show will include a variety of business operations commodities: computers, printers, office supplies, print and promotional, phone, stationary, travel and furniture.

This event will provide you with an opportunity to expand your knowledge about Penn preferred supplier product offerings and promotions, cost savings opportunities, and green purchasing initiatives from over 50 suppliers.

Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day. This year's door prizes include a Kodak Playsport HD Video Camera and HD printer. Bring your PennCard to the Supplier Show to be eligible to win.

For more details, visit www.upenn.edu/purchasing

—Purchasing Services,
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Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Penn Community,

Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism. Your continued support of the many volunteer opportunities offered at the University is unprecedented.

Many benefit from your willingness to share. We receive many expressions of gratitude from community members and agencies we have partnered with.

The University community continues to work towards being good neighbors in our shared community. We thank you for your overwhelming support and for your generosity.

Please contact me at sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu to volunteer or donate.

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

Penn Relays—Just Around the Corner

Hopefully, you can take some time out of your busy schedules to help. Below are the hours of registration in the Levy Tennis Pavilion: Levy is located in back of the Palestra near the Penn Park. Go over the walking bridge at the back of Franklin Field. Directions will be sent to volunteers.

Wednesday, April 25—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26—7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, April 27—7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28—7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After registration is over or slows down and you still want to help out, you can be sent to the track to be assigned to other areas.

Please respond before April 15, if possible. When you respond with your hours let me know your areas of interest.

Penn VIPS/Business Services Scholarship Committee Volunteers Needed

Each year, a small group of volunteers provides non-tuition scholarships to offset college cost to graduating, college-bound high school students with a history of service.

The committee solicits and reviews applications, selects the award winners and plan the reception where the winners are recognized.

The committee meets now through June approximately every three weeks. Meetings culminate with the annual awards reception usually held the first Tuesday in June.

Community School Needs A Refrigerator

Lea Community School after-school cooking club is in need of a refrigerator. Ideally they would like a traditional size refrigerator or a trunk-style freezer. They will also take a small office size refrigerator. Their cooking club and entrepreneur businesses are expanding quickly and therefore they need more food storage space.

Join the Career Day Speaker's Bureau

Many local schools often host career days and are interested in hearing from you. Please join the list of speakers who volunteer to visit local schools to talk about the work they do and talk about the importance of a college education.

Chairs Needed

Local nonprofit still in need of your no-longer-needed chairs. If your department has stackable or folding chairs that are no longer in use, a local nonprofit is requesting them.

Opening of the Reflection Room: March 15

Please join the Office of the Chaplain for the opening of the Reflection Room March 15, at noon in the lower level of the Graduate Student Center, 3615 Locust Walk.

Sandra Harmen, Health and Wellness Educator at Student Health Service will lead a guided meditation.

Members of the Penn community are invited to use the room Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday until 6 p.m.

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy

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

Tax Season Tip: Be careful where—and how— you buy tax software

No matter what kind of software you're shopping for online, it's always a good idea to buy from reputable, well-known vendors and avoid "bargain basement" sites. This is particularly important as April 15 approaches and you begin the process of filing your taxes. Nationally renowned security expert Brian Krebs recently posted an item on his blog:

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/02/how-not-to-buy-tax-software/> recounting the story of a man who bypassed *Amazon.com* in favor of tax software at a much lower price on *Blvdsoftware.com*, only to discover that the site had disappeared from the Internet a few days later, and that his software download did not include the usual license key.

In addition to the well-known dangers of purchasing unlicensed software that has potentially been "doctored" with malware, the fact that tax software is specifically used to enter and track confidential financial and personal information makes it even more important for consumers to ensure that they are acquiring and using approved, reputable methods of filing their taxes electronically.

If you plan to purchase tax software and/or file online this year, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Purchase your software from reliable sites such as *Amazon.com*, or directly from companies that specialize in taxes, such as TurboTax and H&R Block.
- If your income is \$57,000 per year or less, you can probably file your taxes online with the IRS at no charge using software available at www.irs.gov/efile/
- The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers via email. "Phishing" attacks in recent years have included messages that include actual IRS forms as attachments, and which ask for sensitive, personal information.

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website: www.upenn.edu/computing/security/

Update

March AT PENN

EXHIBITS

Now *Unoccupied*; a solo exhibition of new sculpture, photography, and installation by Michael Konrad; viewing times: *March 16, 23 and 30*; 3-7 p.m. and by appointment (917-318-0380); 40th Street Artist-in-Residence Gallery, 4007 Chestnut St. *Through March 31.*

15 *Chai-na/China Signs: China A China B/Ko Siu Lan Signs*; a public space project throughout the Penn campus that form a series of signs that explore the im/possibility of translation across languages and cultures; public installation: 5:30 p.m. at Slought Foundation. *Through April 18.*

16 *Chai-na/China Signs: Archived Performances*; an installation featuring work by Huang Rui and Ko Siu Lan; 8:30 p.m.; Slought Foundation. *Through April 20.*

ON STAGE

15 *Bloomers (All Female Musical Comedy) Presents: A Chuckle in Time*; 8 p.m.; Class of '49 Auditorium, Houston Hall; \$10, \$8/advance. *Also March 16, 17, 8 p.m.*

16 *Chai-na/China Signs: Live Performance; I-Ching* by Huang Rui and *Love Me If You Can* by Ko Siu Lan; 6 p.m.; Slought Foundation (Slought).

SPECIAL EVENT

16 *Viabooks Book Launch of Dirt*; a selection of works that share dirty attitudes: essays, interviews, excavations, and projects; hosted by PennDesign Dean Marilyn Jordan Taylor; 5:30 p.m.; Lower Gallery, Meyerson Hall (Design).

TALKS

13 *Public Conversation*; Huang Rui and Ko Siu Lan, artists; moderated by Aaron Levy, chief curator, Slought Foundation; 6 p.m.; Slought Foundation (Slought).

20 *Principles and Practice of Disaster Relief: Reflections on the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster*; Atsuko Aures, Tokyo Medical and Dental University; noon; rm. 435, Fagin Hall (Nursing).

Women & Money: How to Grow it, Stretch it, & Have Enough to Last a Lifetime; (for women faculty) Jennifer Crowe, TIAA-CREF; Margaret Sager, Heckscher, Teillon, Terrill & Sager, P.C.; Alisa Shin, Vanguard; Olivia Mitchell, Wharton; 3:30 p.m.; rm. 218, Houston Hall (Penn Forum for Women Faculty).

AT PENN Deadlines

The March AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The deadline for the April AT PENN calendar is today, *Tuesday, March 13.*

Information is on the sponsoring department's website. Sponsors are in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu

Creating Canopy: Free Trees for Penn Faculty and Staff

The University of Pennsylvania is already a leader in promoting environmental sustainability, the importance of trees, sustainable building development, encouraging recycling, and providing public open space. This spring, Penn is partnering with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation for a structured tree giveaway, building upon a pilot *Creating Canopy* tree giveaway from last year (*Almanac* April 26, 2011). More than 400 free trees will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis to interested Penn staff and faculty who pre-register through the appropriate links. The deadline for city homeowners is *March 30* and the deadline for suburban homeowners is *April 30*.



PLANT ONE MILLION

3 states. 13 counties. 1 tree at a time.

Penn employees who reside in the PA, NJ, and

DE suburbs will work with PHS to help 'Plant One Million,' while those who live within the Philadelphia city limits will join with Parks & Recreation to help 'TreePhilly.'

Women of Color Day Conference: March 16

The 25th Annual Women of Color at Penn Day will be celebrated on Friday, March 16, with a conference, *Women of Color: Then and Now*, 8:30-11:45 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m., at the University City Sheraton Hotel at 36th and Chestnut Streets. Although tickets for the luncheon are sold out, conference tickets can be purchased for \$25. Major speakers include Penn professors, Diana Slaughter-Defoe and Loretta Sweet Jemmott, and Renee Chenault Fattah from WCAU/NBC 10 News. To purchase tickets, see www.upenn.edu/aarc/wocap/tickets.html



Planned tree plantings on Penn's campus from 2008 through 2015 are estimated at more than 1,700. The University wants to engage the staff and faculty in this greening effort, enabling them to plant trees in their own yards. Our sponsorship of this program will make a great impact on our campus, the city, and the region in expanding our environmental outreach and working towards our sustainability goals.

For more information about Creating Canopy with Penn, visit the Green Campus Partnership website, www.upenn.edu/sustainability/treegiveaway.html

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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 **February 27-March 4, 2012**. Also reported were 15 Crimes Against Property (8 thefts, 1 auto theft, 3 acts of vandalism, 1 burglary and 2 other offenses). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/n25/creport.html. Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Ed.

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 **February 27-March 4, 2012**. 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.

03/02/12	1:56 AM	3400 Walnut St	Intoxicated driver/Arrest
03/02/12	4:31 PM	3431 Chestnut St	Male attempted to cash bad check/Arrest
03/02/12	4:38 PM	3401 Walnut St	Unauthorized use of credit card
03/03/12	7:27 PM	100 S 39th St	Complainant assaulted/Arrest
03/04/12	1:02 AM	3900 Sansom St	Intoxicated driver arrested

18th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 1 incident with 1 arrest (1 aggravated assault) was reported between **February 27-March 4, 2012** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

02/28/12	9:34 AM	4918 Chestnut St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
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Note: The Community and 18th District crimes reported between February 20-26, 2012 are posted on *Almanac's* website, www.upenn.edu/almanac/crimes-index.html



A Box of Rice

by Afaf I. Meleis

In Liberia in January, the country's president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf presented me with very valuable gift. It was a box of rice. For Liberians, rice is as valuable as jewels. It is also a political tug-of-war for this economically challenged country.

Rice means physical sustenance, the livelihood and hard work of crops and agriculture, and the economic strength of a nation. From woman to woman, rice means caring for the family, the feeding of children, and the pride of meaningful, fruitful work. President Sirleaf used the box with her picture and her message on it in her campaign to win re-election for a second term. And she did win!

As we marked International Women's Day last week, I reflected again on President Sirleaf's gift and my meetings with her and her countrywoman Leymah Roberta Gbowee. They both won the Nobel Peace Prize last year for their efforts toward peace in Liberia.

We shared robust and powerful dialogues during a visit to Liberia and Ghana as part of a delegation I co-led for three U.S. congressmen—Tom Marino (R-Pa.); Hank Johnson (D-Ga.); and Bobby Rush (D-Ill.)—and for donors and supporters of CARE, one of the world's largest private humanitarian organizations fighting global poverty with an emphasis on girls and women. The delegation was supported by the Gates Foundation.

Throughout our meetings with these remarkable women, the importance of global women's health was foremost in my mind. The courageous work of President Sirleaf and Ms. Gbowee admirably demonstrates the centrality of women in the health of the community, nation, and society and in the significance of women bringing about peace.

To raise international attention and develop a global research agenda in this area, we have established the Center for Global Women's Health at Penn Nursing, led by an eminent director, Dr. Lynn Sommers, the Lillian S. Brunner Professor of Medical-Surgical Nursing. The center will contribute to international research in women's health scholarship, education, and practice, guiding policies that are sensitive to gender equity and educating future leaders in this area.

On May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Center for Global Women's Health will host its inaugural symposium, *Empowerment, Safety, and Health: A Global Mandate for Women and Girls*. The keynote speaker is Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International. The entire University community is welcome to join us. As a university-wide community of scholars, we have among us many leaders in women's health and development in practically every school in this university. It will be through the voice and actions of all who are engaged in any and all aspects of women's health and development that we will be able to support empowering women globally.

President Sirleaf and Ms. Gbowee are inspirations for all of us who care about the health, safety, and empowerment of women around the world.

Now in her second term, President Sirleaf is the first woman elected and re-elected as head of a country in Africa. She was named by *Newsweek* magazine as one of the 10 best leaders in the world. *Time* magazine placed her among the top female leaders and *The Economist* called her the best president Liberia ever had. She received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in securing peace in Liberia, promoting economic and social development, and advocating for women's rights.

Ms. Gbowee is articulate, passionate, and even more engaging than her dynamic memoir *Mighty Be Our Powers*. During the brutal Liberian civil war, she mobilized groups of women from different religions and convinced Charles Taylor, then president of Ghana, to let them attend the peace talks in Accra, Ghana. Her stories—how she and her delegation

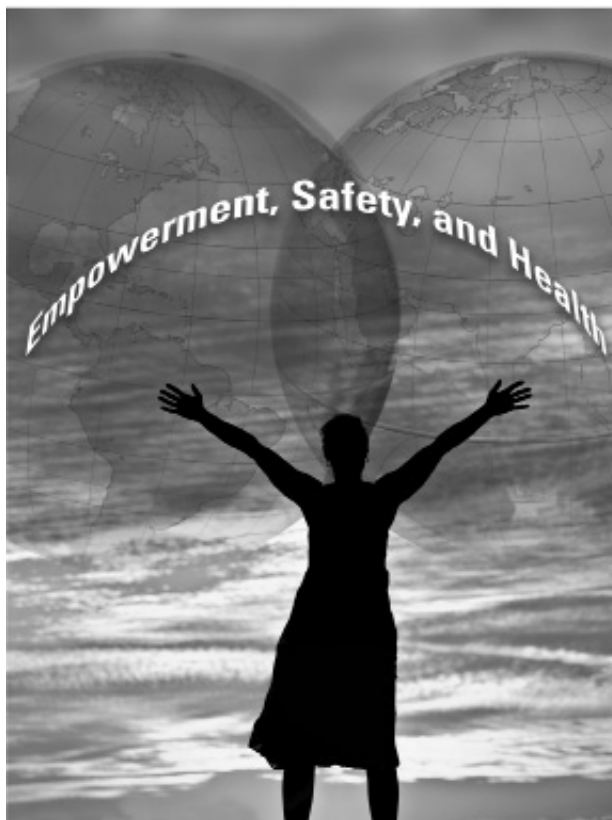
of women camped out and blocked politicians and the chiefs from leaving the hall where they were negotiating until they came to a cease-fire agreement, and her account of why she threatened to tear her clothes off and expose herself unless they stopped the killing in her country—were mesmerizing. Even more mesmerizing was her rationale. Paraphrased, she said that the war stripped her of her dignity, her identity, and the last that was left were the clothes that covered her body. Her clothes represented that last shred of her dignity and identity and she was willing to forgo her clothes because nothing else was left to protect her.

That threat scared and impressed the negotiating men. It is said it was the turning point and the beginning of peace. She is founder and executive director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa, based in Accra, the capital of Ghana.

Our visits in Liberia and Ghana focused on women, economic development, health, and nutrition, and a review of progress and outcomes of U.S. support in those countries. In both countries, nurses and midwives were the subjects of many discussions. The meager healthcare offered in villages as well as in many poor urban areas benefited from the expertise, the leadership, and the passion of qualified nurses. President Sirleaf and Ernestina Naadu Mills, the Ghanaian First Lady, and Juliana Azumah Mensah, the Minister of Women and Children Affairs, acknowledged

the centrality of nurses and midwives in their healthcare systems and pledged support to their education and welfare and, by turn, to the girls and women in both countries.

Here at Penn Nursing, through the Center for Global Women's Health, we aim to unlock the power of a box of rice by making the health, safety, and empowerment of women an international imperative.



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