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## \$4.56 Million for Multidisciplinary Doctoral Student Training

GSE will receive \$4.56 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES) for a new, multidisciplinary doctoral student training program for education researchers.

The initiative involves six Penn schools and up to six public school districts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Led by Penn GSE's Professor Rebecca Maynard, an economist and education and social researcher, the goal of the program is to provide Ph.D. student fellows with comprehensive training in education and education research, and grounded experience in collaborative, faculty-supervised, field-based research in partner school districts and research centers. By the time they complete the program, students will take part in at least one research project that uses an experimental design and at least one multi-methods project. The program is open to students from across the University who have completed at least one year of doctoral studies—fellows will receive generous financial support which will enable them to focus on their studies and mentored research.

The five-year grant is one of ten awarded by IES to encourage high-quality scientifically based education research that will inform evidence-based educational policy.

"Fellows in this program will be actively engaged in field-based projects that both serve as hands-on training opportunities and contribute findings of importance to the partner schools, as well as to the wider education research community," says Dr. Maynard, the project's principal investigator. "This grant will enable us to transform the graduate training we offer our doctoral students here at Penn, providing financial and academic support for innovative, interdisciplinary training of Ph.D. students in the skills necessary to generate rigorous evidence to guide future education practice and policy."

## Kass Endowed Scholarship: Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program



Gail Kass

The Presbyterian Foundation for Philadelphia, and its subsidiary, NewCourtland Elder Services, a network of Philadelphia nursing homes, housing and programs for frail elders throughout Philadelphia recently announced that the Foundation has awarded a \$1 million endowed scholarship to the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (GNP) master's program at Penn's School of Nursing. The Kass Scholarship matches the largest gerontological nursing student funding given to Penn. The Kass scholarship, named for the Foundation's and NewCourtland's president and CEO, Gail Kass, will provide full tuition to eligible NewCourtland network employees, their children or grandchildren who are accepted to the program.

Preference for awarding the scholarship will be given to NewCourtland network employees, their children or grandchildren; but in their absence from the qualified pool, the scholarship will be awarded to new or current University of Pennsylvania students pursuing a degree in gerontological nursing. Upon completion of the program at Penn, the Kass scholarship recipient will fulfill a one-year work commitment in the NewCourtland network.

Established in 1983, the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner program at Penn is currently ranked #1 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The program's 16-month, full-time curriculum allows students to receive extensive clinical exposure while pursuing their coursework. The GNP program excels at training advanced-practice nurses for careers in aging, and it places 90 percent of its graduates in primary-care settings

that include long-term care and home care.

"As the nation faces a nursing shortage, the School of Nursing is grateful for The Presbyterian Foundation's gift and for their investment in the best and brightest students in nursing," said Dr. Afaf I. Meleis, the Margaret Bond Si-

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## Penn's Graduate School Rankings

This year's *U.S. News & World Report's* annual list of best graduate schools includes five of Penn's schools. The complete survey is available in the just-released book, *Best Graduate Schools*. Last year's rankings are in parentheses:

- #3 Medicine—research oriented (#4)
- #3 Wharton (#2)
- #7 Education (#7)
- #7 Law (#7)
- #32 Engineering (#29)

The School of Medicine's top specialties:

- #2 Pediatrics (#2)
- #4 Women's Health (#3)
- #5 Internal Medicine (#5)
- #6 Drug/Alcohol Abuse (#7)

The Wharton School's top specialties are:

- #1 Finance (#1)
- #2 Marketing (#2)
- #3 Executive M.B.A. (#2)
- #3 International (#3)
- #3 Entrepreneurship (#3)
- #5 Accounting (#1)
- #6 Management (#5)
- #6 Production/Operations (#4)
- #9 Supply Chain/Logistics (#6)

Graduate School of Education's top specialty is:

- #7 Education Policy (#10)

Engineering's top specialty is:

- #5 Biomedical/Bioengineering (#6)

Also ranked were Ph.D. programs in the sciences:

- #7 Artificial Intelligence—Computer Science
- #16 Physics
- #17 Mathematics
- #18 Chemistry
- #24 Biological Sciences

## Janet Reno Fellowship Fund for Criminology Master's Students

A new fellowship fund supporting Penn criminology master's students and named in honor of former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was formally created at a University symposium on March 31.

The establishment of the Janet Reno Fellowship Fund was announced at Friday's event at which Ms. Reno—the 78th Attorney General of the U.S. and the first woman U.S. Attorney General—spoke, according to Dr. Lawrence W. Sherman, chair



Janet Reno

of the department of criminology.

Laurie Robinson, director of the Master of Science in Criminology program and a former assistant attorney general under Ms. Reno, and her husband, Sheldon Krantz, a Washington, D.C. lawyer with the firm of DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, have contributed a leadership gift

to create the fund. Ms. Robinson will also be working to raise additional support for the fund.

"We launched our one-year Master of Science in Criminology program in 2004 for individuals who are interested in careers in criminal justice policy and practice and who are passionate about making change happen in how the justice system does business," Dr. Sherman said. "This generous gift from Laurie and Sheldon will help provide vital support to our most outstanding students."

"Naming this fund after the pre-eminent criminal justice change agent was only natural," Ms. Robinson said. "We are honored to have Janet Reno here with us at its launching."

Ms. Reno's lecture, *The Reno Years: National Leadership and the Great American Crime Drop*, and the announcement of the fund took place as part of the Criminology Department's second annual Penn Criminology Day.

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## Fiscal Year 2006 Budget: Report to University Council

The annual reports by the president, provost and other administrators on the budget and plans for the next academic year were presented to University Council on March 29.

President Amy Gutmann said, “there is always room for improvement” and Penn is building on its strengths. She proudly pointed out that the Trustees had “unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed” the two new financial aid initiatives to increase access to a Penn education regardless of financial constraints (*Almanac* March 28, 2006).

When the topic of per student endowment came up, it was made clear that Penn is under-endowed compared to its peers, even though it has the 12th largest endowment in higher education, President Gutmann interjected, “we do more with less, just imagine what we could do with more!” She also added that Penn’s endowment has grown substantially over the past several years due to the generosity of alumni and trustees as well as the market gains. The president cited the \$14 million gift from George Weiss (*Almanac* November 15, 2005), which has stimulated other donors to give substantial gifts.

Bonnie Gibson, vice president for budget and management analysis, presented the fiscal year 2006 budget, including the key points and strategic decisions noted below, as well as the consolidated expenditure budget, including the academic and health system components, which

### FY2006 Budget Key Points

- Total University revenue budget of \$4.479 billion
- Total University expenditure budget of \$4.413 billion
- Academic Budget of \$2.244 billion\*
- 5.4% increase in undergraduate charges
- Federal F&A rate (Indirect Cost Recovery) finalized for FY2005-2008 at 57-57.5%
- Sponsored Program revenue continues to grow, albeit more slowly than the past: up 2.5% over FY2005
- \* “Academic Budget” equals total University operating budget excluding the Health System

### FY2006 Budget Strategic Decisions

- Consistent with *The Penn Compact*
  - Increased undergraduate financial aid and graduate stipends
  - Established Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK)
  - Invested in the campaign by continuing the ramp up in staffing and programming, and by moving the advancement system (ATLAS) forward
  - Invested in the quality of our academic facilities and student housing
- Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Building (new construction)
- Lynch Life Sciences Building (new construction, ongoing)
- Skirkanich Hall (SEAS, new construction, ongoing)
- Fisher-Bennett Hall (SAS, renovation, ongoing)
- Student Performing Arts Hub (University Life, renovation)
- College House Projects: Harnwell, completion of sprinkler projects
- Budgeted an incremental \$1M for the Facilities Renewal Funds

totals \$4.413 billion.

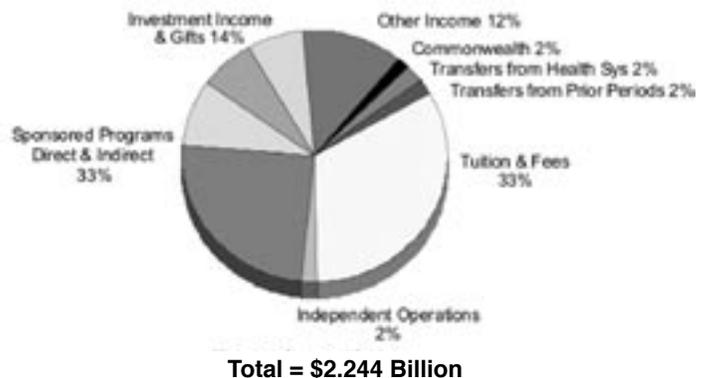
The majority of Ms. Gibson’s annual presentation focused on the academic budget, excluding the health system, for the current fiscal year which, totals \$2.244 billion.

Sponsored Research is up 2.5 percent over FY2005 which Ms. Gibson described as “a victory” given the federal budget climate.

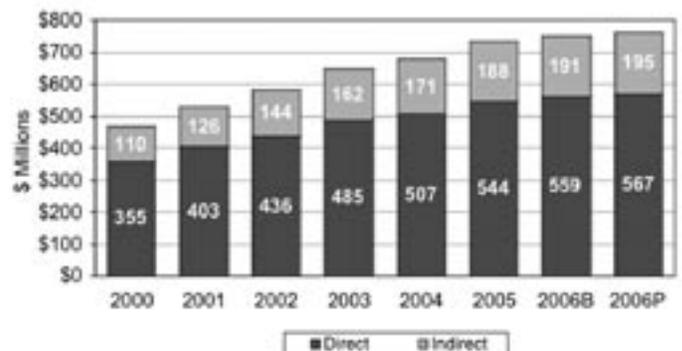
Compared to peer institutions, Penn’s undergraduate tuition and fees for 2006-2007 are in the “tightly banded middle” where there is very little difference in the total charges of the other institutions.

The following are reprinted from Ms. Gibson’s presentation.

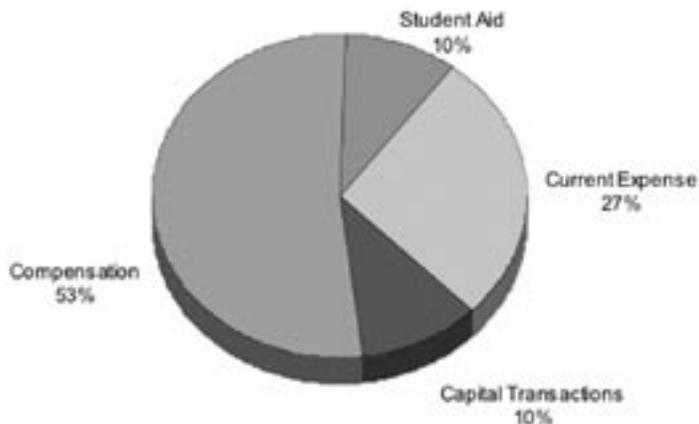
**FY2006 Academic Budget  
Total Revenue & Transfers by Source**



**Sponsored Programs  
Direct and Indirect Cost Recovery**

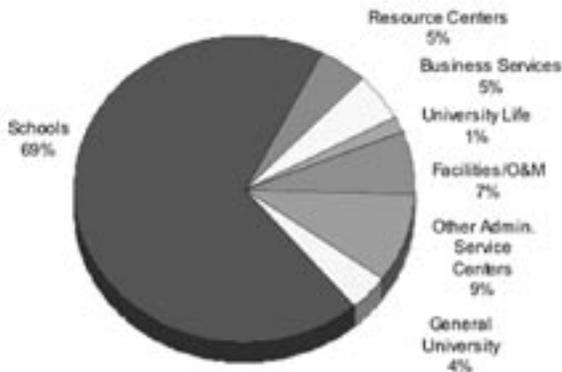


### FY2006 Academic Budget Expenditures by Expense Type



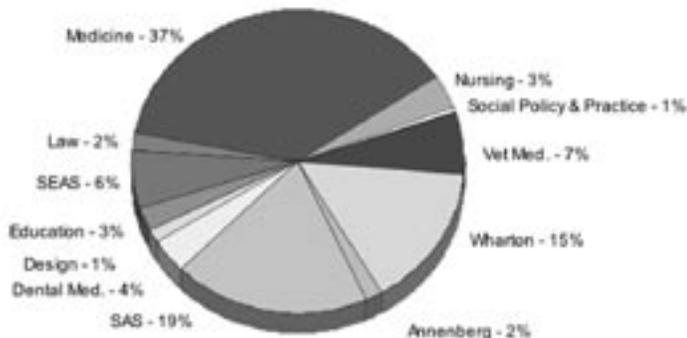
Total = \$2.244 Billion

### FY2006 Academic Budget Expenditures by Responsibility Center Category



Total = \$2.244 Billion

### FY2006 Academic Budget Expenditures by School



Total = \$1.540 Billion

### Academic Year 2006-2007 Undergraduate Tuition, Fees, and Room & Board Increases

	FY2006	FY2007	Increase	% Change
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$ 41,766</b>	<b>\$ 43,960</b>	<b>\$ 2,194</b>	<b>5.25%</b>
Tuition	\$ 29,030	\$ 30,598	\$ 1,568	5.4%
Fees	\$ 3,334	\$ 3,558	\$ 224	6.7%
Room*	\$ 5,730	\$ 6,022	\$ 292	5.1%
Board*	\$ 3,672	\$ 3,782	\$ 110	3.0%

\* Room and Board based on average standard room and the freshman meal plan.

### FY2006 Financial Aid Budget (\$M)

	FY04 Actual	FY05 Budget	FY05 Actual	FY06 Budget	%Change 06B vs. 05A
UG Student Aid	\$ 78.9	\$ 84.5	\$ 84.4	\$ 92.6	9.7%
Grad. & Prof. Student Aid	\$ 106.9	\$ 116.4	\$ 115.8	\$ 123.5	6.6%
<b>Total Student Aid</b>	<b>\$ 185.8</b>	<b>\$ 200.9</b>	<b>\$ 200.2</b>	<b>\$ 216.1</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

In addition, \$34M is included in graduate stipends in the Compensation budget for FY2006.

### New Financial Aid Initiatives

- The University has announced two new initiatives for FY2007
  - Eliminate loans for all socio-economically disadvantaged students with family incomes of \$50,000 or less. Penn is the first research university that funds the majority of its undergraduate financial aid from its operating budget to take this step.
  - Moderate self help/loan increases by providing additional grant aid for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors
- These initiatives will help ease the financial burden on lower and middle income families and make it clear that Penn is serious in its mission to increase access to all students.

### Summary

- The FY2006 Budget is balanced and aligned with *The Penn Compact*, with targeted investments in undergraduate and graduate financial aid, the Penn Integrates Knowledge initiative, and the ongoing recruitment and retention of the best faculty and students.
- FY2006 Challenges
  - Financial Aid continues to grow faster than the rate of increase in tuition, and is under-endowed
  - Utility costs increasing rapidly
  - Major investments in security
- FY2007 Preview
  - 5.25% increase in Total Charges
  - Two new financial aid initiatives including the elimination of loans for socio-economically disadvantaged students with family incomes under \$50,000 per year.

See the next page for additional Council coverage from the March 29 meeting.

## University Council coverage

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Senate Chair Neville Strumpf updated Council on the proposed changes to the Council Bylaws that were sent out prior to the March meeting so that Council members would have a chance to review them in preparation for a discussion at the May 3 meeting. Some of the changes are procedural and others pertain to the Council committee structure; the proposals were developed by a subcommittee of Council's Steering committee.

The PPSA Status Report included a "Statement regarding Spring Fling and Hey Day" in which they indicated that because "there is no indication that substantial efforts have been made on the part of student leaders to address the underlying cultural assumptions that contribute to dangerous intoxicated behaviors by students that affect the larger university community, PPSA cannot support the recommendation that staff become more involved in either Spring Fling or Hey Day." (For the full statement as well as all the status reports, see [www.upenn.edu/secretary/council/StatusReports0329.html](http://www.upenn.edu/secretary/council/StatusReports0329.html)).

In the UA Status Report, they stated "Spring Fling is fast approaching and the UA has been working closely with SPEC to ensure that the event will be safe and inclusive of all students." They listed the groups selected by the UA to sit on Council next year: Asian Pacific Student Coalition; Civic House Associates Coalition; Lambda Alliance; Latino Coalition; Programs in Religious, Interfaith, and Spirituality Matters (PRISM) and UMOJA.

WPSA's Status Report listed upcoming events including their election on April 13 at 12:30 p.m. in Stitler Hall, and a presentation, "Working in a Hostile Environment" on April 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Houston Hall.

GAPSA announced their new board for 2006-2007, including the incoming chair, Lee Shaker, a graduate student at the Annenberg School. GAPSA is sponsoring a team for the April 8 Walk Against Hunger, see [www.gapsa.upenn.edu](http://www.gapsa.upenn.edu).

Besides the presentation on the budget (pages 2-3), there was also a presentation on the First Year College House Experience by Dr. Philip Nichols, the director of the College Houses and Academic Services; and a presentation on the College Curriculum Initiative by Dr. Dennis DeTurck, dean of the College.

Dr. Nichols listed the goals articulated in the original vision for the College Houses, some nine years ago: strong, long-term communities, intergeneration—faculty/student integration, integration of academic mission, group/institutional identification, and academic and personal support. The occupancy trends have increased from 94% in early days to nearly 100% in the past three years. He also spoke about satisfaction among the students in the various buildings on campus. There are about 5,400 students living in the College Houses. There is a bed shortage and there are structural disparities between the houses. Dr. Nichols said that there are three proposals being considered concerning whether or not freshmen should be concentrated or distributed throughout the houses. Provost Ron Daniels said that by the end of April he will forward a recommendation to the President based on extensive consultation.

Dr. DeTurck discussed the general education requirements in the College and the report of the pilot evaluation committee which was adopted by the SAS faculty and published last year, *Almanac* (Almanac May 10, 2005).

## Deaths

### Dr. Fiechter, Continuing Education



Charlotte Fiechter

Harvard University in history.

Dr. Fiechter came to Penn in 1968 as the assistant to the vice provost in the College for Women. In 1972 she became director of continuing education and in 1975 was promoted to vice dean. She left Penn in 1979.

After leaving Penn, Dr. Fiechter was principal and director of St. Thomas Christian Academy. She also served as a chief consultant, designing women's leadership training programs for Higher Education Resources Services/Mid-America located at the University of Denver. From 1990 to 1996 she served as executive director for the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She then worked with Executive Service Corps of Chicago.

Dr. Fiechter is survived by her sister, Trude McLaughlin; sister-in-law, Annemarie Fiechter; and six nieces and nephews.

### Dr. Erickson, Biology

Dr. Ralph O. Erickson, professor emeritus of botany, died March 24, at age 91.

Dr. Erickson earned a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1935, both a M.S. and Ph.D. from Washington University in 1941 and 1944 respectively.

Before coming to Penn, he served as an instructor for Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota (1935-1939), assistant chemist for Western Cartridge Co. in Illinois (1942-44), and as an instructor and assistant professor for the University of Rochester (1944-47). Dr. Erickson began his career at Penn in 1947 as a research associate. In 1949 he became associate professor of botany and in 1954 was promoted to professor. He achieved emeritus status in 1985.

Dr. Erickson was involved in many scientific activities. He was president of the Society for Study of Development and Growth (1954-55), acting chairman of the department of biology (1961-63), and chairman of the graduate group in botany (1957-66). Dr. Erickson was also a fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation at the California Institute of Technology (1954-55).

Dr. Erickson is survived by his daughters, Diane Erickson Field and Elizabeth J. Erickson; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

### 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.

However, notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Room 545, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or send via e-mail [record@ben.dev.upenn.edu](mailto:record@ben.dev.upenn.edu).

## \$1 Million Endowed Scholarship

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mon Dean of Nursing. "This wonderful partnership will support Master's prepared nurses and advance the quality of care for frail elders in nursing homes, some of the most vulnerable patients in the healthcare system."

"NewCourtland places an emphasis on affording the network staff the opportunity to expand their skills and knowledge throughout their career in the NewCourtland network. This benefits the staff personally and professionally, and also results in better care for the residents," said Ms. Kass. "We are so proud to be able to offer this scholarship in gerontological nursing at one of the best schools in the country."

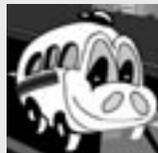
### About NewCourtland Elder Services

NewCourtland Elder Services is a subsidiary of The Presbyterian Foundation for Philadelphia, and serves the Philadelphia community by providing long-term care and innovative programs to over 1,600 frail elders, affordable housing resources to Philadelphia's elderly population and educational and growth opportunities to its more than 2,200 nursing home employees. NewCourtland offers a unique approach to the issues of long-term care through its partnership of caring with the staff in its homes. Each day staff in the homes—Care Pavilion, Cheltenham York Road, Cliveden, Germantown Home, Kearsley\*, Maplewood Manor and Tucker House—work to improve the quality of care provided to the elders they serve.

\* Managed by Courtland Management Services.

### Penn Transit Services' Survey

Ever call 898-RIDE? Like a safe & convenient ride? Do you take Penn Shuttle? Penn Transit Services wants to hear from you...it's easy! Participate in an on-line survey for a chance to win an



iPod Shuffle or PennCash. Visit [www.upenn.edu/survey/transit](http://www.upenn.edu/survey/transit) to complete the survey.

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# Honors & Other Things

## SEAS Research Award: Dr. Bonnell



Dawn Bonnell

*Dr. Dawn A. Bonnell*, Trustee Professor of Materials Science and Engineering and director of the Nano/Bio Interface Center, is the 2006 recipient of the George H. Heilmeyer Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. The award recognizes excellence in scholarly activities among the engineering faculty. Dr. Bonnell received the award for her pioneering studies of the application of scanning probes to the study of complex oxides.

The award is named in honor of Dr. George H. Heilmeyer, chairman emeritus of Telcordia Technologies, in recognition of his extraordinary research career, his leadership in technical innovation and public service, and his loyal and steadfast support of Penn Engineering.

**Nelson Award: Dr. Casarett**  
*Dr. David J. Casarett*, assistant professor of medicine, fellow of the Institute on Aging and physician, is the first recipient of the William A. Nelson Award for Excellence in Health Care Ethics, presented by the National Center for Ethics in Health Care. Dr. Casarett was recognized as a national leader in the field of health care ethics. Throughout his career, Dr. Casarett has promoted ethical health care practices through his focus on understanding and improving the way patients make health care decisions at the end of life.



David Casarett

This award was established in honor of Dr. William A. Nelson, who provided 30 years of federal service. It recognizes VHA employees who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to promoting ethical health care practice in VHA.

**Alzheimer's Disease Task Force: Dr. Clark**  
*Dr. Christopher M. Clark*, associate director of Penn's Alzheimer's Disease Center and director of the Memory Disorders Clinic, has been selected to become a member of the national Alzheimer's Association Early-Stage Professional Task Force. The task force will help develop recommendations to increase their participation in the leadership and services offered by the Association.



Christopher Clark

Dr. Clark, a board certified neurologist, is an associate professor of neurology in the School of Medicine and director of the recently initiated Center of Excellence for Research on Neurodegenerative Diseases at Penn. He is a fellow of Penn's Institute on Aging.

## Knight Ridder Board: Dr. Gerrity



Thomas Gerrity

*Dr. Thomas P. Gerrity*, Joseph J. Aresty Professor of Management, and former Wharton dean, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Knight Ridder, a communications company engaged primarily in newspaper and Internet publishing. It is one of the nation's leading providers of news, information and advertising.

## NEH Fellowship: Dr. Hirschmann

*Dr. Nancy J. Hirschmann*, professor of political science and department vice chair, has received a research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for her work, *A Political Theory of Disability and Illness*. Dr. Hirschmann works at the intersection of the history of political thought analytical philosophy, and feminist theory.



Nancy Hirschmann

## Ullman Award: Dr. Kricka



Larry Kricka

*Dr. Larry Kricka*, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, and director of general chemistry at HUP, has been named the winner of the 2006 Edwin F. Ullman Award. He was recognized for his novel uses of light and miniaturization. The award, sponsored by Dade Behring Inc., is named in honor of Edwin F. Ullman, a pioneer in immunoassay technology who has received more than 150 U.S. patents.

## NIDDK Advisory Council: Dr. Lazar

*Dr. Mitchell A. Lazar*, Sylvan H. Eisman Professor of Medicine and chief of the division of endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism at the School of Medicine, has been appointed to the Advisory Council for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Dr. Lazar joins the Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases Subcommittee.

He is also the director of the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity, and Metabolism at HUP. Dr. Lazar's research interests include the regulation of gene expression and metabolism by nuclear hormone receptors and mechanisms of obesity-associated insulin resistance and diabetes.



Mitchell Lazar

## Sloan Fellow: Dr. Thomson



Evelyn Thomson

*Dr. Evelyn J. Thomson*, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, has been selected as an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow.

The Sloan Research Fellowships provide support and recognition to early-career scientists and scholars, who were endeavoring to set up laboratories and establish their independent research projects with little or no outside support.

## 2006 Women of Color Awards

Penn and the Health System celebrated Women of Color Day by recognizing the talents and achievements of a diverse group of women in the community whose special commitment and dedicated service to their workplace, or the Delaware Valley, have made a difference. The accomplishments of these women were recognized at the Annual Women of Color at Penn Awards Program on March 3.

### Helen O. Dickens Lifetime Achievement

**Award:** *Sharon Moorer Harris*, Executive Director, Human Resources

### Faculty/Staff

**Awards:** *Luz Marin*, administrative coordinator, Women's Studies Program and Alice Paul Center for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality

*Michelle D. Ray*, Director, Graduate Programs of Sansom Place

### Graduate/Professional Student Award:

*Jamey L. Long*, MSW candidate, School of Social Policy & Practice

**Undergraduate Student Award:** *Julija Zubac*, C '06, and *Fatimah L. Muhammad*, C '06

**H.S. Students:** Recognition was also given to the achievements of the following top-ranking female students graduating this June from neighboring West Philadelphia high schools: *Cedrine Fletcher*, Motivation High School; *Chanele Pinckney*, University City High School; *Erica Parker*, Parkway West High School; *Christella Louis*, Overbrook High School; *Ann-Marie Bangura*, West Philadelphia High School; *Davida Douglas*, West Philadelphia High School.

## 2006 James Brister Society Awards

Alumni Relations and the Penn Alumni Diversity Alliance announced the winners of the 2006 James Brister Society Faculty and Student Awards at their 11th annual ceremony on March 17.

The winners are:

**Faculty Award:** *Dr. Barbara D. Savage*, Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought, Professor of History

**Association of Latino Alumni Student Award:** *Naomi M. Adaniya* (W '06)

**Brister Student Award:** *Jonathan Ludmir* (C '06)

**Black Alumni Society Student Award:** *Fatimah L. Muhammad* (C '06)

**University of Pennsylvania Asian Alumni Network:** *Wesley K. Nakamura* (C '06)

## Open Enrollment Starting This Week: April 6

Don't miss your annual opportunity to make changes to your healthcare benefits! Open Enrollment for the 2006-2007 plan year begins Thursday, April 6. Make your benefit changes online 24 hours a day at [www.upenn.edu/penn](http://www.upenn.edu/penn) (click on "Open Enrollment" under Announcements). Any changes must be made by Friday, April 21, and will take effect as of July 1, 2006.

Look for personalized information at your home address this week, and take note of some important plan changes affecting medical, prescription, dental, vision, and pre-tax expense account coverage. We also encourage you to attend the Open Enrollment and Health Fairs that will be held on campus this Thursday, April 6 in Houston Hall and next Tuesday, April 11 in BRB II/III from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Faculty and staff at New Bolton Center can attend an Open Enrollment Fair next Wednesday, April 12 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Free health screenings and information will be available at the Open Enrollment and Health Fairs on April 6 and 11. In addition, wellness and fitness workshops will be offered on April 6 and 7. You must pre-register for these workshops as well as the cholesterol screening provided at the fair on April 6 (go to [www.hr.upenn.edu](http://www.hr.upenn.edu) and click on "Open Enrollment" under Benefits for more information).

In the meantime, keep in mind these important reminders about Open Enrollment:

- **Dependent Children Age 19 and Over**—If you don't certify the student status of your dependent children age 19-23 during Open Enrollment, they won't be covered as of July 1, 2006. This certification must be done every year online or by calling the Penn Benefits Center. Non-disabled children over age 19 may only be covered if they are full-time college students, and only up to the end of the plan year in which they turn age 23. For information on covering disabled children, contact your health plan directly.

- **Update Your Life Insurance Beneficiary Information**—How long has it been since you updated your life insurance beneficiary information? Have your life circumstances changed? Maybe you got married, got divorced, had a baby...or maybe you've just changed your mind about the way you'd like to distribute your life insurance benefits. Penn is now making it even easier for you to update your life insurance beneficiary information—beginning April 3, instead of filling out a paper form, you can make updates online using our enrollment website ([www.upenn.edu/penn](http://www.upenn.edu/penn), click on "Open Enrollment" under Announcements). It's easy and convenient, and you'll be able to view and update your life insurance beneficiary information online anytime you want.

- **Pre-Tax Expense Accounts**—If you're currently enrolled in a Pre-Tax Expense Account (Health Care or Dependent Care), remember that your current annual election amount will automatically roll over for next year unless you make a change during Open Enrollment.

See last week's *Almanac* for more detailed information about Open Enrollment, or visit the Human Resources website at [www.hr.upenn.edu](http://www.hr.upenn.edu) (click on "Open Enrollment" under Benefits). You can also call the Penn Benefits Center at 1-888-PENNBEN (1-888-736-6236) if you have any questions.

### Rising Cost of Healthcare

As the cost of healthcare continues to increase nationwide, Penn continues to look for ways to mitigate the impact on both you and the University.

What Penn Is Doing	What You Can Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penn continues to pay a significant portion of medical and prescription drug premiums.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Penn's plan options and see if a lower-premium plan might be a better choice for you.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penn offers health and wellness programs throughout the year to help keep you fit and healthy. Special health screenings and fitness presentations are available during this Open Enrollment period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining a healthy lifestyle can help limit your out-of-pocket healthcare costs. Take advantage of Penn's health and wellness programs, join a fitness club, explore the wellness options offered by your health plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you incurred any prescription drug costs through Penn's plan within the past plan year, you received a personalized iBenefit Report from Caremark in late March. This report showed you the value of your prescription benefit from Penn and highlighted potential cost-savings opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you take a brand name prescription drug, you might want to ask your doctor about using a generic equivalent. A generic contains the same medicine as a brand name, but costs less!</li> <li>• If you're taking a maintenance medication, consider using the mail order program to save money—in addition to the added convenience of home delivery.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because of new federal legislation, Penn is able to extend the deadline for incurring eligible expenses through the Health Care Pre-Tax Expense Account this year (go to <a href="http://www.hr.upenn.edu">www.hr.upenn.edu</a> for details).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximize the Health Care Pre-Tax Expense Account to pay for your out-of-pocket healthcare costs on a pre-tax basis.</li> </ul>

—Division of Human Resources

### Environmental Training: April 13

The next live training program is: *Introduction to Laboratory and Biological Safety at Penn*, April 13, 1:15–4 p.m., BRB II/III Auditorium. (Please arrive early. Sign-in from 1–1:15 p.m. No admittance to the course after 1:15 p.m. Penn ID is required for sign-in. A Certificate of Completion will be granted at the end of the training session. Only those individuals who sign-in and receive the Certificate will be given credit for the course.)

This combined training program provides a comprehensive overview of safe work practices in the biomedical laboratory and meets the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements for employees who work with hazardous substances including chemicals, human blood, blood products, fluids and human tissue specimens. All faculty, staff and students at the University who work in a laboratory and have not previously attended a live training presentation must attend this training.

The Office of Environmental Health & Radiation Safety (EHRS) develops and presents a variety of required training programs in live presentations or online formats. To determine which training programs you are required to take, review the section "Training Requirements" on the EHRS website [www.ehrs.upenn.edu/training/traindates.html](http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu/training/traindates.html).

### CCTV for Public Spaces

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

As prescribed by the University Policy "Closed Circuit Television Monitoring and Recording of Public Areas for Safety and Security Purposes," *Almanac* April 13, 1999, the proposed location of permanent CCTV cameras will be provided to the CCTV Monitoring Committee for review and published in the *Almanac* before installation. On March 22nd the CCTV Monitoring Committee met and unanimously approved the installation of new cameras at the following locations:

- 43rd & Market
- 43rd & Walnut
- 43rd & Baltimore
- 41st & Baltimore
- 40th & Chestnut
- 3400 Chestnut
- 39th & Market
- 3400 Ludlow

The University uses several generations of American Dynamics UltraDome 360°, high speed pan/tilt/zoom cameras with motion detection capabilities. The current SpeedDome Ultra VII Enhanced Day/Night utilizes a 23x optical zoom combined with a 10x digital zoom, providing a 230x total zoom.

Questions in reference to the CCTV system or policy may be addressed to:

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# One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy  
Made Simple

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

## Don't Save Passwords in Your Web Browser

Most newer web browsers prompt you to save your usernames and passwords for websites, which may contain private information such as your email, or financial information such as your credit card number. You should never save your PennKey password or your passwords for other University systems, and it's not a good idea to save passwords for other systems containing personal information either. Once you save a password, anyone using your computer could access your private information, or a worm or virus could steal your password.

For instructions on removing stored passwords from your web browser, please see [www.upenn.edu/computing/security/footprints/removestoredpws](http://www.upenn.edu/computing/security/footprints/removestoredpws).

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

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### RESEARCH

**Do you have arthritis in your knees?** Would you like to participate in a study designed to find out if acupuncture may help you walk better and decrease the pain? The study compares real acupuncture using needles that do not puncture the skin in patients who need physical therapy. Call Pat Williams for information at (215) 898-3038.

**Want To Help Us Learn More About Sleep In Children Through Research?** Healthy children ages 2-18 years without any sleep problems needed for a routine overnight sleep study at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Participants will be compensated for time and travel, and will receive a gift card. Please contact Brooke Bintliff, study coordinator, at (267) 426-5083 for more information.

**Do you have low levels of HDL cholesterol (the "good cholesterol")?** Are you worried about your risk of diabetes or heart disease? Doctors at the University of Pennsylvania are launching a new study looking at the effects of a new medication on improving HDL cholesterol and other risk factors for diabetes and heart disease. The entire study lasts about 10 weeks and includes 7 visits to the research center at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Participants will be compensated for their time and effort. You may qualify for our research study IF you are: at least 18, think you have low levels of HDL cholesterol, at risk for heart disease or diabetes. If you do not know your HDL level, we can measure your full cholesterol panel free of charge. To find out more information, please contact Katie Sachs at (215) 662-9755 or email her at [sachs@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:sachs@mail.med.upenn.edu).

**Is smoking a problem for you?** If you are 18 to 60 years old and smoke >10, you may be eligible for a study aimed at helping you reduce and/or quit smoking. This study compares an FDA-approved (for other indications), low side effect medication to placebo. You will receive physical and psychological evaluations, individualized support sessions, and check-up calls at no cost. You may receive additional compensation for completing 2 MRI scans (optional) related to the study. All participants are compensated for travel. Call (215) 222-3200 to speak further with Derek (ext. 127) or Susan (ext. 128).

**Osteoporosis Study:** Women 60 years and older. Do you think you might have osteoporosis (bone loss)? Have you lost height? Did your mother have osteoporosis? Has a DEXA (bone density) scan indicated that you have osteoporosis? Have you broken a bone when you were an adult? If you are a woman 60 years or older who has osteoporosis and has never taken a bisphosphonate medication (Fosamax, Actonel, Aredia, Zometa, Boniva), you may be eligible to participate in a research study to determine if teriparatide (Forteo), which is approved by the US FDA, improves bone architecture. If you qualify for the study, the study will provide you with Forteo for 18 months, provide DEXA and MRI scans at 0, 9, and 18 months at no cost to you, and reimburse your travel expenses. Please contact Louise Loh at (215) 898-5664 for more information.

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For information call (215) 898-5274.

## Update

April AT PENN

### DATE CHANGE

**19** The University Club at Penn's annual April in Paris dinner has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 to 8 p.m. For reservations call (215) 898-4618.

## TALKS

**6** *Pinocchio's Screen Incarnations: An 'All-American' Real Boy?*; Rebecca West, University of Chicago; 4:30 p.m.; Cherpack Lounge, Williams Hall (Romance Languages).

**7** *The American Economy: A Treasury Official's Perspective on the Current Outlook and Long-Term Challenges*; Mark Warshawsky, U.S. Department of Treasury; 10:30 a.m.; rm. 365, Jon M. Hunts-

man Hall (Business and Public Policy; Wharton Politics and Public Policy Club; Wharton Business and Public Policy Club).

*Jeff Koons Speaks*; Jeff Koons, artist; 5:30 p.m.; rm. B1, Meyerson Hall (Penn Design).

**Deadlines:** The deadline for the weekly Update is every Tuesday, for the following Tuesday's issue. The deadline for the May AT PENN calendar is Tuesday, April 11. For information see [www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead-real.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead-real.html).

## 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 **March 20-26, 2006**. Also reported were 11 Crimes Against Property (including 10 thefts and 1 stolen property). Full reports are on the [www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v52/rn28/crreport.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v52/rn28/crreport.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 **March 20-26, 2006**. 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.

03/21/2006	4:11 PM	200 Locust Walk	Male cited for disorderly conduct
03/21/2006	8:05 PM	4001 Walnut St	Merchandise taken without payment/Arrest
03/21/2006	8:06 PM	239 41st St	Offender assaulted police officer/Arrest
03/23/2006	9:21 AM	4201 Walnut St	Male cited for disorderly conduct
03/23/2006	12:19 PM	399 33rd St	Complainant threatened by male with knife/Arrest
03/24/2006	2:45 AM	200 S 40th St	Male wanted on warrant/Citation
03/24/2006	3:36 AM	3900 Chestnut St	Complainant attacked with beer bottle/Arrest

### 18th District Report

12 incidents with 5 arrests (including 6 aggravated assaults, 5 robberies, and 1 homicide) were reported between **March 20-26, 2006** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th St. & Market St. to Woodland Ave.

03/20/06	5:56 AM	253 45th St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
03/20/06	5:00 PM	3230 Chestnut St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
03/21/06	8:04 PM	4001 Walnut St	Robbery/Arrest
03/21/06	11:39 PM	200 41st St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
03/22/06	3:00 PM	500 48th St	Aggravated Assault
03/23/06	8:45 PM	4418 Sansom St	Robbery
03/24/06	3:30 AM	3940 Chestnut St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
03/24/06	5:30 PM	4600 Chestnut St	Robbery
03/24/06	8:27 PM	5119 Webster St	Aggravated Assault
03/25/06	7:00 PM	4600 Chester Ave	Robbery
03/26/06	9:30 AM	4700 Hazel Ave	Robbery
03/26/06	12:51 PM	4900 Chestnut St	Homicide



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# THE PHILADELPHIA ANTIQUES SHOW



## 45th Annual Philadelphia Antiques Show: April 8-11

The 2006 Show will be held April 8-11, at the 33rd Street Armory, 33rd & Market Streets. The Preview Gala is Friday evening, April 7.

Each year, the Philadelphia Antiques Show serves as a major fundraiser for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, contributing more than \$13 million dollars since 1962.

### For HUP's Cardiac Transplant Program

This year, the proceeds from the Philadelphia Antiques Show will be presented to the Department of Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery to fund total artificial heart technology supporting the active heart failure/transplant program. The cardiac transplant program at HUP is one of the busiest transplant programs in the country and the largest in the region, performing approximately 50 transplants per year. The proceeds of the 2006 Philadelphia Antiques Show will fund the purchase of total artificial heart pumps and supporting consoles. This cutting-edge technology will provide superior outcomes by helping to support the sickest patients awaiting heart transplants.

"The committee of the 2006 Philadelphia Antiques Show is proud to continue the tradition of providing meaningful contributions to the University of Pennsylvania Health System," said Christine L. Smith, chair of the 2006 Show. "We have helped many departments upgrade their equipment and provide enhancements for their patients over the years. The 2006 funds will allow the nationally renowned Cardiothoracic Surgery program to continue to maintain its standard of excellent patient care."

### About the Philadelphia Antiques Show

The Philadelphia Antiques Show, celebrating its 45th anniversary, is the premier antiques and decorative arts show in the country featuring a large selection of American antiques. Since 1962, Show proceeds have contributed more than \$13 million for the advancement of patient care at the UPHS. Organized by a committee of more than 250 volunteers, the Show features 56 of the nation's leading antiques dealers and galleries. Each year visitors can also choose from a wide and varied schedule of special events. The presenting sponsor for the 2006 Show is the Haverford Trust Company.

For tickets, event packages, registration and additional information, call (215) 387-3500 or visit the 2006 Philadelphia Antiques Show online at [www.philaantiques.com](http://www.philaantiques.com).

Show admission and a catalogue are included with all special events. Events and prices are subject to change. A Guided Show Tour can be added for \$10 with the purchase of a ticket to any other special event. Valet parking is available. Photo ID will be required for entry into the Armory.

#### Tickets:

\$15 at the door;  
\$12 age 65 & older, or WHYY member;  
\$7 students and UPHS employees

#### Show Hours:

Saturday, April 8: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Monday, April 10: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 11: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Photo by Charles Gardner

*English Delft Charger, Circa 1750, Naomi Wood Trust, Woodford. This polychrome 18th century charger is unusual with its scenes of activity. The pottery illustrates a town scene with conventional patterns on a white background. At Woodford, built in 1756 with later additions, visitors can see the excellent Naomi Wood Collection of Americana and related objects.*

### A Special Loan Exhibit: The Schuylkill Villas

The loan exhibit of the 45th Annual Philadelphia Antiques Show is *The Schuylkill Villas* and will showcase the history and architecture of 18th century houses in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. In addition to period furniture and other examples of decorative arts, the loan exhibit will include many documents and photographs. The houses to be featured are Mount Pleasant, Cedar Grove, Lemon Hill, Laurel Hill, Strawberry Mansion, Solitude and Woodford.

Built by Philadelphia's prominent families as rural retreats, the Fairmount Park houses provided a refuge from the summer heat and yellow fever epidemics in the city. The houses are maintained today by the Philadelphia Museum of Art and many private and civic organizations, which are contributing items to the exhibit along with private donors. Special events during the Antiques Show will include guided tours of the houses, many of which have recently undergone extensive renovations.

In addition to the loan exhibit, visitors to the nationally acclaimed Philadelphia Antiques Show will be able to view the finest selection of antiques and decorative arts for purchase including a large selection of American antiques.

Several premier events will elaborate on the theme of the loan exhibit.

*The Schuylkill Villas Trolley Tour*, Sunday April 9, 8:45 a.m.-noon. After a continental breakfast at the Philadelphia Antiques Show, Fairmount Park House Guides will narrate a Sunday morning trolley ride. The tour will include the interiors of two historically renovated 18th century Schuylkill Villas that once served as rural retreats for some of Philadelphia's most prominent families. The Park House Guides will

also highlight the exterior architectural details of other period villas in the park. Upon return to the Armory, more of the legacy of the Schuylkill Villas can be viewed on the Show Floor.

The McNeil Curator Lecture *Philadelphia's Park Houses: Country House or Villa?* Sunday, April 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m. In this illustrated lecture, Roger W. Moss will examine the rich and varied history of American country houses in the 18th and 19th centuries with particular emphasis on the subject of this year's loan exhibit, the Fairmount Park houses. Dr. Moss, director of The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, is a noted lecturer and author of a dozen books on architecture and design, including *The American Country House* and *Historic Houses of Philadelphia*.

*The Art of Seeing*, Garden Photography with Alan Detrick, Monday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Renowned garden photographer Alan Detrick will enlighten amateur photographers on the techniques of photographing landscapes, gardens and flowers. He will also show samples of the work that he's done for *Martha Stewart Living*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Newsweek*, and *Smith & Hawkin*.

*Picnic in the Park with Lilly Pulitzer*, Tuesday, April 11, noon-1:30 p.m. Join in a celebration of spring. The program includes a picnic-themed luncheon served by Culinary Concepts with a preview of Lilly Pulitzer's summer 2006 Fashion Collection.



Photo by Graydon Wood

*Triple Chest, Circa 1735-1745, Philadelphia Museum of Art. This chest-on-chest-on-chest is made of cherry wood. It descended in the Morris family and can be seen at Cedar Grove, which was moved from the Frankford area of Philadelphia to Fairmount Park in 1928.*