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Penn Med Investigators: NIH Grants for Transformative Research

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine investigators are among the 20 recipients nationwide of an NIH grant that encourages investigators to submit proposals for risky ideas. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award up to \$64 million over five years for this year's NIH Director's Transformative Research Projects (T-R01). The T-R01 awards program encourages exploration of exceptionally innovative and original research ideas that have the potential for extraordinary impact, addressing either basic science or clinical challenges. It sidesteps conventional stumbling blocks, such as the need for preliminary data or a restriction on the amount of funds that can be requested that investigators sometimes face when applying for funding for high-risk research.

Dr. David Weiner, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, will receive \$3.2 million, in collaboration with the Public Health Service of Canada and biotech firm Inovio Corp., to develop a universal flu vaccine, one that is in-



David Weiner



George Coukos

tended to protect against all strains of flu.

"This funding will allow us to expand novel research concepts that we have been developing to develop a broadly effective seasonal influenza vaccine to protect our population," said Dr. Weiner. "This funding is an important vote of confidence from the NIH that the concepts that form our application are important and may provide a new ap-

proach to this deadly infection."

Dr. George Coukos, the Celso Ramon Garcia Chair in Reproductive Biology and director of the Ovarian Cancer Research Center, in collaboration with Dr. Chaitanya Divgi, chief, Nuclear Medicine, and Dr. Carl June, director of Translational Research at the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute, will receive \$3.2 million over five years to develop a personalized immunotherapy that attacks and destroys blood vessels of the targeted tumor. Such an approach has the potential to work for the majority of solid tumors, becoming a powerful and universal tool that can transform cancer therapy.

"This funding will allow us to expand novel approaches to target tumors through immune destruction of their vasculature, using antibodies and engineered T lymphocytes as well as develop molecular imaging to screen patients and follow therapy. If successful, this personalized targeted approach can become a truly powerful universal cancer therapy," said Dr. Coukos. "Tumor vasculature can be similar among tumor types and its destruction can lead to dramatic tumor responses. This funding is an important vote of confidence from the NIH on our ideas and the collaborative team we have established at Penn."

The T-R01 program, supported by the NIH Common Fund (formerly the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research), is an incomparable NIH research opportunity for investigators. Scientists are spurred to rethink the way science is conducted and propose truly daring ideas. The awards can provide up to \$25 million in total costs each year for a single project.

"Complex research projects, even exceptionally high impact ones, are tough to get funded without the necessary resources to assemble teams and collect preliminary data. The T-R01 awards provide a way for these high impact projects to be pursued," said NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins.

\$2 Million HRSA Grant for Penn Dental Medicine

Penn Dental Medicine has been awarded a total of \$2 million over the next five years from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in support of community and public health training programs within the school. Penn Dental Medicine is one of 12 dental schools nationwide to receive this type of HRSA training grant, available to academic dental institutions for the first time this year as a result of the Affordable Care Act, the comprehensive health care reform law enacted in March 2010.

"The health care reform legislation includes provisions to support the ongoing development of the public health work force," said Dr. Joan Gluch, director of Community Health for Penn Dental Medicine and program director/principal investigator of the HRSA grant. "We are pleased to receive these funds which will play a vital role in increasing our predoctoral dental students' knowledge, skills, and experiences to expand the workforce in public health dentistry."

The grant award will provide support on a number of levels within the school. Funds will be used to evaluate and expand community-based experiences for all second-year dental students through enhanced participation with four University of Pennsylvania-affiliated community health sites. Funds are also provided to develop and staff a dental facility within Sayre Health Center, a full-service, primary care health center located at Sayre High School in West Philadelphia, which will serve as a site for dental student participation as well. In addition, the award provides funding for expanded support to staff a community health honors program as well as expanded support for students in the dual-degree Master of Public Health/DMD program. A comprehensive program evaluation will be developed examining process and outcome variables, including program operation, the impact on students and community members and student per-

ceptions regarding public health practice.

"The exciting thing about this grant is its many tiers of support," added Dr. Gluch, "which will enable us to examine and expand basic dental public health training for all predoctoral students in addition to offering an expanded honors experience (including the MPH degree) to talented students interested in a career in public health dentistry."

Currently, students and faculty in Penn Dental Medicine's Division of Community Oral Health serve approximately 14,000 individuals in West and Southwest Philadelphia through PennSmiles, an oral health education and treatment program with the School District of Philadelphia; the LIFE Center, an interdisciplinary system of all-inclusive healthcare for frail seniors in West and Southwest Philadelphia operated by Penn's School of Nursing, and other University-affiliated community health sites.

"SDM has had faculty and students involved in the community for many years. The HRSA grant allows us to build on that experience and to improve coordination and oversight of services and educational opportunities in both old and new community sites," added Dr. Robert Collins, chief of the Division of Community Health. "While providing needed services to the community, our dominant goal is to produce graduates who value the community and preventive perspectives and will look for ways to incorporate these approaches into their future practices."



Joan Gluch

MAGPI's First Annual Content Provider Carnival

Step right up for the First Annual MAGPI Content Provider Carnival where 22 distance learning content providers will come together all under one virtual tent via live webcast to schools across the country.

On October 27, MAGPI, the University of Pennsylvania's Internet2 hub, will use videoconferencing and social networking to bring award-winning distance learning content to K20 schools and public cultural organizations around the country in the First Annual Content Provider

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Nora Lewis: Vice Dean and Executive Director of the College of Liberal and Professional Studies

Nora Lewis has been appointed Vice Dean and Executive Director of the College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS) effective July 1, 2010. In this role, she will be responsible for overseeing the portfolio of LPS programs including the BA for adult students; the Master of Liberal Arts and several professional master's programs; summer programs for undergraduate and high school students; and the English Language Programs.

Ms. Lewis has served as the interim director of LPS since last year and has been a member of the full-time professional staff in the School of Arts and Sciences since 1993. Prior to becoming Vice Dean, she was Director of Enrollment Management for LPS and served as interim director of the English Language Programs. She has 20 years of experience in international higher education and has published on the role of input and interaction in second language acquisition; on intergenerational approaches to adult literacy and ESL programming; and on language planning and policy in the former Soviet republics. Her research interests focus on adult education and the role of learner production and feedback in second language acquisition. Ms. Lewis earned a BA from the College of William and Mary and has done graduate studies in educational linguistics at Penn's Graduate School of Education.



Nora Lewis

Caryn Lerman: Interim Director of Abramson Cancer Center

Dr. Caryn Lerman, the Mary W. Calkins Professor, Department of Psychiatry and the Annenberg Public Policy Center, and director of the Tobacco Use Research Center, has been appointed interim director of the Abramson Cancer Center, effective October 15. Dr. Lerman is highly qualified to take on this leadership role having served as the Abramson Cancer Center's deputy director since 2006 and as associate director for Population Sciences from 2001-2006. Further, she led the Abramson Cancer Center's Strategic Planning Committee and played a major role in the recent highly successful competitive renewal of the NCI Cancer Center Support Grant.

As director of Penn's Tobacco Use Research Center, Dr. Lerman's research focuses on the genetic and neural basis of nicotine addiction, with an emphasis on pharmacogenetics and medication development.

Dr. Lerman is a newly elected member of the Institute of Medicine and has been the recipient of the American Psychological Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Health Psychology; the American Society for Preventive Oncology Joseph Cullen Award for Tobacco Research; the Alton Ochsner Award for Research Relating to Smoking and Health; and the American Cancer Society Cancer Control Award. She served on the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors and the NHGRI National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research. She is also a current member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse Advisory Council. Dr. Lerman is the president of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, and is the author of over 300 peer-reviewed research articles.

Dr. Lerman received her PhD and MS degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Southern California, and has previously held faculty posts at Georgetown University Medical Center, Fox Chase Cancer Center, and the Temple University School of Medicine.

A national search for a permanent director will begin soon; Dr. John Glick, the Madlyn & Leonard Abramson Professor of Clinical Oncology, and vice president, UPHS, and associate dean, School of Medicine for Resource Development, has agreed to chair this search.



Caryn Lerman

Barbara Gorka: Penn Abroad Director

Dr. Barbara Gorka has recently joined the Office of International Programs at the University of Pennsylvania as the director of Penn Abroad. Dr. Gorka will oversee Penn's programs for undergraduate study abroad for the academic year or a semester. Dr. Gorka comes to Penn from Colgate University, where she was the director of Off-Campus Study/International Programs since 2007. Prior to that, Dr. Gorka served as associate director of International Programs at Temple University and was previously a faculty member at Muhlenberg College. Dr. Gorka received her BA from Dickinson College. She earned her MA and PhD in Spanish language and literature from the University of Pennsylvania.

Penn's Study Abroad programs enroll over 600 undergraduates each year. In the 2009-2010 academic year, Penn undergraduates participated in 119 different approved programs in 41 countries. In addition, Penn's exchange programs bring about 150 international undergraduate students to campus each year.

Dr. Gorka was selected at the conclusion of a national search and an exceptionally strong candidate pool. As Anne Waters, executive director of the Office of International Programs (OIP) noted, "The selection committee was immediately impressed by Dr. Gorka's academic training and the depth of her experience managing a complex portfolio of study abroad programs. We are delighted to have her join us here at Penn."

Dr. Rudie Altamirano, director of OIP's division of International Students and Scholars Services, said he is pleased to welcome Barbara to OIP and he knows Dr. Gorka is, "interested to partner with faculty and departments to enrich the Penn Abroad experience for students." Dr. Gorka will be working closely with OIP's Director of Risk Management for International Programs, Erika Gross, on student safety while abroad. Ms. Gross mentioned that, "Barbara is an excellent addition to the talented team at OIP."



Barbara Gorka

Photo by Andy Daddio

Agenda for University Council Meeting Wednesday, October 20, 2010 4 p.m. Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall Source: Office of the University Secretary

- I. Approval of the Minutes of September 29, 2010. 1 minute
- II. Follow Up Comments or Questions on Status Reports. 5 minutes
- III. Presentation by the President, Provost and Other Administrators on the State of the University. 60 minutes
- IV. Presentation on Faith-Based Initiatives and Groups on Campus. 20 minutes
- V. New Business. 5 minutes
- VI. Adjournment by 5:30 p.m.

From the President and Provost

Extending Tenure of SAS Dean

We are pleased to announce that Prof. Rebecca Bushnell has agreed to extend her tenure as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences until June 30, 2013. As Dean, Rebecca has been a strategic and collaborative leader, working closely with her faculty, her leadership team, and with us to identify key priorities and advance the School's vital education and research missions, even in the face of unexpected economic constraints.

Rebecca's initial term as Dean is scheduled to end December 31, 2011. She has made clear that she would like to return to full-time scholarship and teaching. She has nevertheless graciously agreed to remain as Dean for an additional 18 months, to help carry forward the School's important ongoing initiatives, including the conclusion of the Making History campaign.

We have consulted widely with SAS department chairs, other Deans, senior officers of the University, the chairs of the Faculty Senate, Trustee chair David L. Cohen, and SAS Board of Overseers chair David Silfen. They are unanimous in their praise for all that Rebecca has done—and continues to do—to lead the School of Arts and Sciences from excellence to eminence, and they join us in enthusiastically supporting the extension of Rebecca's term as Dean.

Under Rebecca's leadership, the School of Arts and Sciences has become stronger than ever, with a distinguished faculty—including more PIK professors than any other School of the University—and exceptional undergraduate and graduate students; increased support for those students; dramatic facilities enhancements, including the beautiful new Music Building; and an expanding array of signature educational and research programs aligned with the School's strategic plan. Rebecca has also been an invaluable partner in the Making History campaign, raising more than \$300 million to date for the School, in a very difficult fundraising environment.

We are confident that, with Rebecca's continued leadership as Dean, the School of Arts and Sciences will rise to the many opportunities, goals, and challenges ahead of it. We know you will join with us in thanking her for her outstanding tenure and her willingness to continue to serve SAS and the University.

—Amy Gutmann, President

—Vincent Price, Provost

Deaths

Dr. Koch, Astronomy

Dr. Robert H. Koch, professor emeritus of astronomy, died October 11 in Ardmore. He was 80.

Dr. Koch received a BA in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951. He served for two years in the U.S. Army prior to earning a masters in astronomy at Penn (1955) and a masters of science in astronomy from the University of Arizona in 1957. He returned to Penn for his PhD, which was awarded to him in 1959.

He began his teaching career as an instructor at Amherst and Mt. Holyoke Colleges. By 1960, he was assistant professor at Amherst, and held that position for five years. He was then an associate professor, first at the University of Massachusetts, and then at the University of New Mexico, before joining the faculty at Penn in 1967. He was made full professor in 1969, and emeritus status was accorded to him when he retired in 1996.

Dr. Koch was the chairman of Penn's department of astronomy (1969-1973), undergraduate chairman of the department of astronomy and astrophysics (1984-1987), director of the Flower and Cook Observatory, and chairman of the graduate group in astronomy and astrophysics (1989-1994). He served on numerous committees, including the Natural Science Board, the Senate Executive Committee, the University Safety Committee and many others.

He published widely, and was an invited lecturer at universities and observatories worldwide. Dr. Koch continued his astronomical research, mostly on close binary stars, after his retirement. In 2009, he wrote a history of the astronomy department at Penn entitled, "Observational Astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania 1751 – 2007."

Dr. Koch is survived by his wife, Joanne; sons, Thomas and James; daughters, Elizabeth and Patricia; a brother, a sister and seven grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held December 21, 10 a.m. at St. Colman's Roman Catholic Church in Ardmore, PA.



Robert Koch

Dr. Laufer, Radiology

Dr. Igor Laufer, professor of radiology, died September 14 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He was 66.

Born in what is now Slovakia, Dr. Laufer earned his MD from the University of Toronto in 1967.

Prior to coming to Penn, he was a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School from 1969-1972, and then was assistant resident and chief resident at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He served as an assistant professor of radiology at McMaster University in Toronto from 1974-76.

In 1976, he joined the faculty at Penn Medicine and quickly rose to the rank of full professor after only four years with the department. He was the chief of gastrointestinal radiology at HUP from 1976-1997, residency training director for the radiology department from 1993-2000 and its residency selection director from 1999-2004.

Dr. Laufer was known for pioneering the techniques for performing state-of-the-art double contrast GI radiology, and developing and refining double contrast studies for both the upper and lower gastrointestinal tracts. His work generated a resurgence of barium studies and a new era of double GI radiology.

He described findings for various inflammatory and neoplastic conditions and early GI cancers on barium studies. His seminal contributions had a profound influence on patient care, leading to earlier detection and treatment of everything from herpes esophagitis and inflammatory bowel disease to benign and malignant GI tumors.

He is the author of the classic text, *Double Contrast Radiology of the Gastrointestinal Tract*, which was published in 1979. He lectured widely and was an invited lecturer or visiting professor more than 400 times, including 16 named honorary lectures.

He was the president of the Society of the Gastrointestinal Radiologists from 1984-86, and was recognized by the society for his life's work in 1991, when he was the recipient of its highest honor, the Walter B. Cannon Medal, for outstanding lifetime achievements in GI radiology.

He won the Outstanding Educator Award from the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society in 2005.

Dr. Laufer is survived by his wife, Bernice; a son, Jacob; daughter, Miriam, and a grandson.

Contributions in his memory may be made out to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, Igor Laufer Fund, care of Bill Kirschner, HUP; One Silverstein, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-4283.



Igor Laufer

Prof. Lerner, Law

Alan Lerner, practice professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, died October 7 from complications arising from lymphoma. He was 68.

Born in the Feltonville section of Philadelphia in 1942, Mr. Lerner was a graduate of Central High School before pursuing a BS in economics at the Wharton School. He played baseball while at Penn and graduated in 1962. He received his JD from the Penn Law School in 1965.

His passion for helping others was born out of a summer helping black residents in Mississippi register to vote in 1964, when he was a second year law student. After volunteering with the Law Students' Civil Rights Research Council, he said he believed that helping people achieve their civil rights was the right thing to do.

An expert in family law, legal ethics, civil rights law, child welfare law and labor and employment law, among others, Professor Lerner joined the Penn Law School faculty in 1993 as an associate practice professor after a 25-year career with the law firm of Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, Shiekman and Cohen. He was made practice professor in 1999.

Professor Lerner had been the leader of the Law School's Interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic since 2002. The clinic teaches students in law, social work and medicine to represent the interests of children in child maltreatment, disability, medical assistance and special education cases.

He was also co-director of Penn's Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research.

In addition, Professor Lerner volunteered his time with the American Civil Liberties Union and served on the board of advisors the Public Interest Law Center in Philadelphia and the Lower Merion School Board.

"With Alan's passing, abused and neglected children have lost a powerful advocate; the civil rights bar has lost a skilled litigator; generations of law students have lost an amazing mentor; the Phillies have lost an ardent fan; and the entire Penn community has lost an inspirational teacher, scholar and role model," said clinical director and practice professor of law, Louis Rulli.

Professor Lerner was recognized twice as one the "Best Lawyers in America" and was named a Bellow Scholar in 2007 by the Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest of the Association of American Law Schools for his research project, "Identifying the Red Flags of Child Neglect to Facilitate Evidence-Based Focused Responses."

He made many other scholarly contributions to his field and conducted workshops and presentations about clinical teaching theory and methods worldwide, including Argentina, China, Great Britain, Poland, Turkey, and Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife, Adelaide Ferguson; a son, Jason; daughter, Rachael; two brothers and three grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the University of Pennsylvania Law Clinic, 3400 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.



Alan Lerner

Inaugural Meyerson Lecture

The Monell Center announced the inaugural Martin Meyerson Lecture, established by Margy Meyerson to honor her late husband, president emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a charter Monell Board member and long-time chair.

The Inaugural Martin Meyerson Lecture will be held on Monday, October 25, at 3:45 p.m. in the Woodlands Ballroom at the Hilton Inn at Penn. To commemorate this series, Dr. Matthew Meyerson, son of Martin and Margy, will deliver the first talk: *Genomic Studies of Cancer and Other Human Diseases*. Dr. Meyerson, a distinguished cancer researcher at the Dana-Faber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, is the winner of the 2009 Paul Marks Prize in Cancer Research.

RSVP to robinson@monell.org.

Martin Meyerson passed away June 2, 2007 (*Almanac* July 17, 2007).

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 e-mail almanac@upenn.edu.

Notices of alumni deaths, however, should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Room 545, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or e-mail record@ben.dev.upenn.edu.

Honors & Other Things

Four New IOM Members

Four professors from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine have been elected members of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), one of the nation's highest honors in biomedicine. Three of the four new inductees are women.

The new members bring Penn's total to 76, out of a total active membership of 1,649.

Overall, the IOM named 65 new members this year and foreign associates. The IOM was established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences to honor professional achievement in the health sciences.

"We are proud that four of our most distinguished and accomplished scientists have been named to one of the country's leading institutions," said Dr. Arthur H. Rubenstein, EVP of the University of Pennsylvania for the Health System and Dean of the School of Medicine. "Having Penn Medicine colleagues elected to this esteemed body is an extraordinarily significant honor."

The new Penn IOM members are:

Dr. Deborah A. Driscoll, the Luigi Mastroianni, Jr. Professor and chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology. She also serves as the Interim Director of the Center for Research on Reproduction and Women's Health. Dr. Driscoll also served as a project leader on a grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to study congenital heart defects and is the principle investigator of Penn's Women's Reproductive Health Research career development program. Dr. Driscoll is considered one of the world's leading obstetrician-gynecologist geneticists who has also been recognized for her expertise in adolescent gynecology and the care of women with genetic disorders.

Dr. Caryn Lerman, the Mary W. Calkins Professor in the department of psychiatry and the Anenberg Public Policy Center. As director of the Tobacco Use Research Center, her research focuses on the genetic and neural basis of nicotine addiction, with a focus on smoking cessation and therapeutic response. This month, she became the interim director of the Abramson Cancer Center. She is also a current member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse Advisory Council. Dr. Lerman is the President of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco.

Dr. John R. Stanley, the Milton B. Hartzell Professor, is chair of the department of dermatology. Dr. Stanley's clinical specialties are autoimmune blistering skin diseases, and his chief areas of research include immunodermatology; cell and molecular biology of keratinocyte adhesion; and impetigo. He has received an NIH grant to study the pathogenesis of pemphigus, an autoimmune disease in which auto-antibodies cause loss of keratinocyte cell adhesion and blister formation.

Dr. Margaret Stineman is professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and professor of epidemiology in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Dr. Stineman's expertise is in statistical modeling, measurement, and development of patient classification systems. She and her colleagues developed a patient classification approach that forms the basis for Medicare's national payment system for inpatient rehabilitation; established staging systems for addressing patients' mobility and abilities to care for themselves; established measures for addressing the effects of medical conditions on quality of life; and addressed the effect of environmental barriers on the expression of disability.

Brilliant 10: Dr. Kuchenbecker

Popular Science magazine has named **Dr. Katherine Kuchenbecker**, Skirkanich Assistant Professor of Innovation in the department of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, to its annual "Brilliant 10" list of the country's top young scientists.

Dr. Kuchenbecker is the director of the Haptics Group at the GRASP Lab. Her work researches the design, control and performance of robotic systems that enable a user to touch virtual objects and distant environments as though they were real and within reach.



Katherine Kuchenbecker

Medawar Prize: Dr. Barker



Clyde Barker

Dr. Clyde Barker, the Donald Guthrie Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine, was awarded the Medawar Prize by the Transplantation Society, an international organization providing focus for global leadership in the field of organ transplantation.

Considered to be among the outstanding world honors for scientific achievement, this prize recognizes individuals who have made significant scientific discovery or contribution to the field of experimental and/or clinical transplantation.

Dr. Barker launched the transplant program at the University of Pennsylvania in 1966 and is credited with building it into the largest and most successful program in the region.

SoFiE President: Dr. Diebold

Dr. Francis X. Diebold, the Paul F. and Warren S. Miller Professor of Economics in SAS, was elected president of the Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE), an international professional organization devoted to promoting research at the interface of financial economics and econometrics.

Dr. Diebold, who is co-director of the Wharton Financial Institutions Center, is SoFiE's first elected president, succeeding its founding president, Robert F. Engle, the winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Economics.

Wagner Medal: Dr. Albelda

Dr. Steven M. Albelda, the William Maul Measey Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine, is a recipient of the 2010 Wagner Medal, presented by the International Mesothelioma Interest Group. The medal is the organization's highest honor and is awarded every two years to a leader in the field who has made major original contributions to the understanding of mesothelioma, either in basic or applied research.

Dr. Albelda is co-director of the Thoracic Oncology Laboratories at the Penn Lung Center and is an adjunct professor at the Wistar Institute.

Climate Leadership Excellence

Dr. Amy Gutmann accepted Second Nature's first Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence at the 4th Annual American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment Summit, held in Denver, Colorado last week.

Dr. Gutmann champions the University's environmental efforts and provides the leadership that complements the Penn Green Campus Partnership to foster a culture of sustainability.

NARSAD Grant: Dr. Hahn

Dr. Chang-Gyu Hahn, associate professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine, was one of 42 innovative researchers awarded 2010 Independent Investigator grants for mental illness research from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression which is awarding more than \$4.1 million to support leading investigators worldwide. With a grant in the amount of \$98,900, Dr. Hahn will research the NMDA receptor in the prefrontal cortex of the brain in order to discover possible targets for novel therapeutics for schizophrenic patients.

Living Legend: Dr. Lang

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) has named **Dr. Norma Lang**, dean emerita of the School of Nursing, an AAN Living Legend for her lifelong commitment and contributions to the nursing profession. A celebration in Dr. Lang's honor will be held at the Penn Nursing/AAN Reception in Washington, D.C. in November.

Student Inspiration Awards

Fourth-year student **Nikkita Patel** and second-year student **Brittany Gross** are recipients of the 2010 Penn Vet Student Inspiration Awards, presented annually to two Penn Vet students who demonstrate the potential to significantly advance the frontiers of veterinary medicine and expand the profession's impact on the well being of animals and society. Ms. Patel plans to use Google Earth to inform the public and policy makers about wildlife trade and other veterinary issues, while Ms. Gross will initiate the construction of an educationally focused dairy farm in rural northeast Thailand.

The winners each receive \$100,000 in unrestricted funding from the Hill Foundation to be used toward realizing their veterinary missions and proposed projects.

Number-One Book: Dr. Marvin

The editors of *Atlantic Monthly* named *When Old Technologies Were New: Thinking About Electric Communication in the Late Nineteenth Century* by **Dr. Carolyn Marvin**, the Frances Yates Professor of Communication in the Anenberg School, as the number-one ranked book on their new "Atlantic Tech Canon" list of the 50 most influential trade and scholarly works about science and technology.

The list includes such seminal works as Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* and Tracy Kidder's *The Soul of a New Machine*.

Four-Diamond Rating: Inn at Penn

The Hilton Inn at Penn has received a Four-Diamond rating from the American Automobile Association (AAA) for the 10th consecutive year. In this annual inspection, an AAA representative completed a detailed review of all public spaces and several of the Inn's 238 guestrooms. The hotel was one of six Philadelphia hotels to receive this designation. Their highest rating is five diamonds, which has been awarded to only a handful of hotels worldwide.

Wharton's Partnership for Globalization with Sovereign Bank and Santander Universities

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania announced the establishment of a Partnership for Globalization with Sovereign Bank, part of Banco Santander. The Partnership will support two initiatives at the Wharton School and the Lauder Institute, enhancing teaching and research on the economic, technological, political and social aspects of globalization and the teaching of business languages. This collaboration will be channeled through Santander Universities, a Global Division at Banco Santander committed to higher education.

Through this collaboration, the Lauder Institute will launch the TrendLab on Globalization, which will provide an in-depth analysis of globalizing trends on an annual basis and develop tools and methodologies to cope with them. Central to this three-year project is a five-day conference, hosted at the University of Pennsylvania and focusing on an annual theme. The conference will attract experts from the University of Pennsylvania and the Santander Group's network of universities, as well as other institutions. A scholar-in-residence with expertise on the conference's theme will be selected to spend up to two semesters at Wharton.

The Lauder Institute, a joint venture be-

tween Wharton and the School of Arts and Sciences, will also design and implement a week-long workshop for teachers of foreign languages, drawn from the Santander network and universities in the US. The purpose of these seminars is to help language teachers acquire knowledge about basic business subjects, develop strategies to incorporate them into the language curriculum, and ensure that their students learn not only to communicate effectively in a foreign language, but also to develop culturally appropriate negotiation and management skills.

"This collaboration will bring together a global network of scholars and will further the Wharton School's commitment to expanding and sharing knowledge about today's evolving global economy," Wharton School Dean Thomas S. Robertson said. "We are deeply grateful for this gift and delighted to partner with Sovereign Bank and the Santander Group."

"Sovereign Bank is proud to build upon its engagement with the Wharton School and the Lauder Institute," said Gabriel Jaramillo, president and chief executive officer of Sovereign Bank. "We believe that these initiatives will make an important contribution to our understanding of globalization, and our ability to respond to its transformative effects."

STRONGERTOGETHER

OCTOBER 4 – NOVEMBER 19, 2010

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Penn's Way Raffle Week One Winners:

Rosellen Taraborelli, School of Medicine — Annenberg Center for Performing Arts: Gift Certificate for Two Tickets

Nancy Napoletano, HUP — Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site: Six passes

John Powers, Pennsylvania Hospital — Landmark Theatres: Two Tickets to Ritz Theatre

Michael Russell, HUP — Bon Appétit at Penn Dining: Lunch for two

Alicia Rowland, HUP — Business Services/Morris Arboretum: Two Guest Passes

Christine Mahon, HUP — Business Services/Penn Ice Rink: Free Skating Lessons

Mary Lee Brown, Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy — Business Services/Penn Ice Rink: 10 Admission Coupon Booklet

Michele Harwood, Pennsylvania Hospital — Business Services/Penn Publication Services: Penn Photography Book

Week Three Prizes

(October 18-22, drawing October 25):

Modern Eye: \$100 Gift Certificate
Arden Theatre Company: Two tickets to a performance

Lamberti Restaurants: \$25 gift certificate
J.J. White, Inc.: \$25 gift card for Sunoco

Bon Appétit at Penn Dining: Lunch for two
Business Services/Hilton Inn at Penn: \$75 Gift Certificate for Penne Restaurant

Business Services/Penn Publication Services: Penn Photography Book

Business Services/Penn Ice Rink: 10 Admission Coupon Booklet

What Your Gift Can Provide

\$4 buys a one-day canoe field trip for a school child.

\$10 would retrieve 20 tires from a roadside dump.

\$15 buys a compact fluorescent light bulb for a low-income family.

\$50 buys a programmable thermostat for a low-income family.

\$50 would plant 50 4' seedlings on public land.

\$50 provides a set of literacy brochures to help 50 people learn how to read.

\$100 provides six hours of home health aide services.

\$100 provides a week's supply of lifesaving medication.

\$100 provides art supplies for two seniors for one year.

\$150 provides a day of activities for 15 seniors.

\$200 would give an inner city youth or an individual with a physical disability a weeklong wilderness experience.

\$500 would organize a volunteer cleanup that removes 10 tons of trash.

\$500 provides 35 hours of individual prevention case management for high-risk youth.

\$500 provides a six-week bereavement support group for 6-8 partners, parents, or friends surviving the loss of a loved one from AIDS.

ITMAT's Center for Targeted Therapeutics and Translational Nanomedicine Pilot Grant Program: November 1

The CT³N invites PENN researchers from all Schools to submit competitive proposals for Pilot Grants by November 1, 2010. The goal of these Pilot Grants is to support early-stage experimental preclinical studies in targeted therapeutics and thus assist investigators in obtaining key data to seek extramural funding. The grants will be for up to \$20,000 for one year, starting January 1, 2011.

TAPITMAT Pilot Awards: December 3

The Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (ITMAT) invites proposals from ITMAT members and ITMAT associate members in the Research Associate or Instructor A category. It is not too late to become a member or an associate member if you would like to apply for the grant and meet membership criterion. If you are interested, please visit the membership section of our website (www.itmat.upenn.edu/membership.shtml) for details.

The proposals must center on the translational space—from proof of concept in cells or model systems through to completion of dose selection in Phase II in humans. Programs that plan to progress within that space and which deploy technologies and approaches conventionally segregated from each other within the traditional boundaries of academic medicine will be especially favored. Proposals that focus on translational therapeutics or the pediatric to the adult divide will receive priority scoring. The proposals are due by December 3, 2010 for a proposal start date of February 1, 2011. Please visit our website at www.itmat.upenn.edu/funding.shtml for detailed instructions.

—Garret A. FitzGerald, Director, ITMAT

TAPITMAT TBIC Pilot Funds: Proposals December 3

The Translational Biomedical Imaging Center (TBIC) was established under the leadership of the ITMAT in part "to broaden and accelerate translational imaging research through the development of a center to bring together investigators with diverse backgrounds that contribute to various aspects of imaging science and who share a vision of contributing to the advancement of clinical medicine." Among the approaches adopted by the TBIC to promote the use of imaging technology to facilitate translational research are the support of core facilities, collaborative imaging scientists, and retreats/seminars. Building on this foundation, the TBIC announces a new collaborative pilot grant program to help catalyze collaborations between primary imaging scientists and primary biomedical/clinical researchers that integrate novel imaging approaches to enhance translational science and medicine.

These proposals require at least two Co-Principal Investigators, one investigator whose primary research focus is in imaging methodology development and another investigator whose research is focused on biomedical science. At least one of the co-principal investigators should have a primary appointment in the School of Medicine. The TBIC adopts a broad definition of imaging science and seeks proposals that focus on anatomic or functional imaging approaches that span from the microscopic to in vivo regimes. Proposals that include a broad range of imaging methods including image acquisition techniques, image analysis, and imaging probe development will be considered. Funding will be based on scientific merit, potential downstream clinical impact and the likelihood that the project will generate independent funding to sustain the effort. Post-pilot award outcomes will be surveyed. The deadline for applications is December 3, 2010 for an award start date of February 1, 2011.

For additional information, please visit www.itmat.upenn.edu/cta/tbic/index.html or contact Drs. Mitchell Schnall at mitchell.schnall@uphs.upenn.edu or James Gee at gee@mail.med.upenn.edu.

Flu Shots for Faculty and Staff

The flu season is almost upon us. To help you prepare, the Division of Human Resources is again partnering with Occupational Medicine to provide flu shots on campus at a discounted cost for full- and part-time Penn faculty and staff.

When can I get a flu shot?

- Monday, November 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Where can I get a flu shot?

The shots will be administered at three convenient locations—the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS), the Wharton School, and the School of Nursing. Location specifics are provided through the pre-registration process.

Please note that pre-registration is required. This allows us to be prepared for demand and manage lines in order to avoid long waits.

How do I pre-register for flu shots at Penn?

Pre-registering is easy—just visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/wellness/flushots.aspx. Keep in mind the following:

- You can register up until the day before the date you select.
- Since time slots fill up quickly, we encourage you to pre-register as soon as possible.
- The first and last time slots typically fill up most quickly, so you may want to try a middle time slot for easier registration.

What do I need to bring to the flu shot site?

- \$25 cash (You may be eligible to receive reimbursement from your health care provider. Health insurance and pre-tax expense account reimbursement information will be available at each site.)
- Your PennCard

*Please wear clothes that provide easy access to your upper arm. If you come in the middle of the hour, your wait will most likely be shorter.

If you do not have computer access to register online or you have questions about this program or the pre-registration process, please contact HR at (215) 898-5116 or suzsmith@hr.upenn.edu.

Additional options

Faculty and staff are also welcome to join students at any of Student Health Service's (SHS) three flu vaccine clinics. No appointment is necessary for SHS-provided shots.

- *Wednesday, October 20: 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Claire Fagin Lobby, School of Nursing*
- *Wednesday, October 27: 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Hoover Lounge, Vance Hall, 3733 Spruce St.*

Flu vaccines provided through SHS cost \$25. Faculty and staff must pay in cash at the clinic. Receipt/proof of immunization (and UPHS ID badge notification stickers, if necessary) will be provided.

Additionally, CVS MinuteClinics and Walgreens Take Care Clinics are partnering to provide a comprehensive program offering flu immunizations. MinuteClinics are in many CVS pharmacies and Take Care Clinics are in select Walgreens nationwide. For hours and participating MinuteClinic locations, visit www.cvs.com or call 1-888-FLU-SHOT. For hours and participating Take Care Clinics locations, visit www.takecarehealth.com or call 1-866-TAKE-CARE.

MAGPI Carnival

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Carnival. Penn Video Network will provide live webstreaming of the five-and-a-half hour distance learning carnival event.

Over 20 select schools from across the MAGPI member network in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, South Carolina and Florida will join live via videoconference for this unique distance learning educational event to experience outstanding innovative distance learning content.

To watch go to www.magpi.net/Community/Programs/MAGPIs-First-Content-Provider-Carnival; streaming will begin at 8:50 a.m.

Resources to Support Your Everyday Needs

(This is the third in a series of articles this October that honors National Work and Family Month—a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of worklife benefits.)

We know you have important responsibilities outside of work. Balancing your job, life and family is a priority for everyone, but sometimes it can get overwhelming. When it seems like there are too many decisions and too little time in any given day, Penn's Worklife Resources service can help.

Worklife Resources—provided through Penn Behavioral Health—is a free and confidential, 24-hour a day service that provides you with support for your everyday goals. From resources for dealing with family, health, financial and legal issues to household, dining, travel and entertainment options, you have access to a wealth of information right at your fingertips.

You can also call for additional assistance. Phone center counselors can help you determine exactly what you're looking for, whether it's identifying child care center openings or arranging free financial consultation and legal services. Contact Penn Behavioral Health at 1-888-321-4433 to speak with a counselor, or visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/worklife/resources.aspx for information.

Hearing Aid Discounts Available to IBC and Aetna Plan Members

We're all looking for ways to be more cost-effective in today's economy, especially when it comes to your health and wellness. If you're looking to save more when it comes to your hearing care, we can help. Penn's medical plan carriers—Aetna and Independence Blue Cross (IBC)—are pleased to offer discounts on hearing aids for eligible plan participants.

The Aetna HearingSM discount program allows eligible members to pay less for hearing aids and exams through HearPO®, a leading provider of hearing supplies. Participants receive discounts on all hearing aid styles and models as well as hearing aid batteries. You'll also receive free follow-up service for one year. For more information or to determine your eligibility, visit www.aetna.com or call HearPO® at 1-888-HEARING (1-888-432-7464).

Independence Blue Cross also helps you save more on hearing aids through Blue365, a new discount program available to eligible plan members as of October 1, 2010. Blue 365 offers access to free hearing screenings and discounted hearing aids through two respected companies: TruHearing® and Beltone. TruHearing®, a high-quality provider of discounted hearing supplies, also gives you access to the Lifetime Wholesale Membership Program which includes hearing aid batteries for life. Beltone, a global leader in hearing health care, offers services at over 1,400 locations nationwide and guarantees a lifetime of follow-up care and service for participating members. Visit www.ibxpress.com for more details or call 1-800-ASK-BLUE (1-800-275-2583).

—Division of Human Resources

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Evolving Genomes: Human Origins and Our Microbial Passengers

A free lecture/discussion, *Evolving Genomes: Human Origins and Our Microbial Passengers*, will take place on Tuesday, October 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Franklin Institute. The program will focus on human and microbial diversity and how variation in genetic material reflects our history and shapes our health. The lecture is appropriate for all levels of background and is co-sponsored by the Penn Genome Frontiers Institute (PGFI) and The Franklin Institute.

Topics and speakers:

Genomes and Genealogy as Revealed by Computational Biology; Junhyong Kim, Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Professor of Biology; PGFI Co-Director

An African Odyssey Through the Human Genome; Sarah Tishkoff, David and Lyn Silfen University Associate Professor; Genetics and Biology

Microbes in our Body: Life Partners in Health and Disease; Frederic Bushman, professor of microbiology

Register at www.genomics.upenn.edu/events/pgfi-community-lectures or by calling The Franklin Institute at (215) 448-1254.

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

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

Beware of Malicious Invitations

Social and business networking sites have become part of many users' everyday computing experience. Websites like Facebook and LinkedIn allow you to easily stay up to date with a large number of peers and colleagues.

Unfortunately, the popularity of these sites also make them a desirable target for scammers. A recent example includes a fake LinkedIn invitation, indistinguishable on the surface from a real invitation, except that hovering over the web links in the message shows that the unsuspecting victim would be taken to a website that was not LinkedIn.com. Clicking on the link causes malicious software that collects personal information such as banking credentials to be installed in the user's browser.

So what can you do? First off, disregard invitations from people that you don't know. Second, rather than click through to your social or business networking site from your e-mail, open your browser and type in the address yourself. If it's a valid invitation it will be waiting for you when you log in. Lastly, be wary of any suspicious links delivered via these services. Angelina Jolie wants to be your friend? Someone claiming to forward an embarrassing video taken of you that you need to click on NOW? If you take a moment to think about it, these seem pretty unlikely. When in doubt – ask! It pays to check with the friend or colleague first to make sure they actually sent you the picture, video, or attachment that you are about to open. Your Local Support Provider can also help, as they've likely seen similar scams before.

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

Update

October AT PENN

FILM

25 *Vietnam Nurses*; noon; rm. 209, Fagin Hall (Nursing).

ON STAGE

20 *Mask and Wig; Ra and UnTut*; annual fall show by Penn's all-male musical comedy troupe; 8 p.m.; Iron Gate Theater; Wed. & Thu., \$8/Locust Walk, \$10/door; Fri. & Sat., \$12/Locust Walk, \$15/door. Also October 21 at 8 p.m., October 22 at 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. and October 23 at 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. (PAC).

21 *Front Row Theatre Company Presents "Bug"* by Tracy Letts; times TBA; Class of '49 Auditorium, Houston Hall; \$10, \$8/PennCard. Also October 22 and 23 (PAC).

SPECIAL EVENTS

22 *2nd Annual Penn Campus Arts Crawl*; celebration of arts and culture at Penn featuring performances, talks and more; all day; various campus locations; info.: www.vpul.upenn.edu (University Life Arts Initiatives).

41st Annual International Students Reception; networking and performances by Penn's fusion dance group, Hype, and the Penn Chinese Dance Club; 5-7 p.m.; Chinese Rotunda, Penn Museum (Penn Museum).

TALKS

20 *Una Lingua per Amica: L'Italiano Nostro e Degli Altri*; student presentations in Italian, with remarks by Luigi Scotto, consul general of Italy; 5 p.m.; rm. D21, Stiteler Hall (Italian Studies).

21 *Vision 2020: A Conversation About Women and Leadership*; Nancy Dickey, Texas A&M Health Science Center; Eleanor Hinton Hoytt, Black Women's Health Imperative; Richard Homan, Drexel; Rosemarie Greco, School of Nursing; Kelli Daniels, Drexel; 10:45 a.m.; rm. 114, Fagin Hall (Nursing).



Photo by Tom Caravaglia

Above: Don't miss Paul Taylor Dance Company in its return to the Zellerbach Theatre beginning October 21. Kicking off the 2010-11 Dance Celebration season, the legendary Paul Taylor Dance Company will perform two classic pieces, *Arden Court* (pictured above) and *Cloven Kingdom*, and a new work, *Phantasmagoria*, that was commissioned in honor of the choreographer's 80th birthday.

Shows will be Thursday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, October 22, 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 23 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$28-\$48, can be purchased at the Annenberg Center Box Office or online at www.annenbergcenter.org.

AT PENN Deadlines

The October AT PENN calendar is online, at www.upenn.edu/almanac.

The deadline for the December AT PENN is November 9. The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The weekly Update normally lists events happening Wednesday through Tuesday.

Events are subject to change. Information can be found on the sponsoring department's website. Sponsors are listed in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu.

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RESEARCH

Is Your Blood Pressure Borderline High? Would You Like To Try Controlling It Naturally With Lifestyle Changes? Penn researchers are conducting a study examining the effects of yoga, walking and nutrition on lowering blood pressure. If you are not currently on a blood pressure medication or taking regular yoga classes and over 18 years of age, call the LIMBS Study Coordinator at (215) 615-6570 or visit the website: <http://limbs.cohenhntn.com>.

Healthy Volunteers Needed for Research Study Healthy, adult volunteers needed! We are seeking volunteers for a research study of an investigational new drug (MK-0859), not currently approved for marketing, for potential treatment of high levels of cholesterol (bad fat in your blood). You may qualify if you are: male or female, age 18-70, a nonsmoker. Study involves 9 outpatient visits and 2 inpatient stays (2 consecutive nights each) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The whole study lasts for a maximum of 22 weeks and requires taking the study medication or a placebo (sugar pill) during that period of time. Qualified participants will be compensated for time and travel, and receive study-related medication and care, lab tests, and dietary counseling at no charge. For more information and to see if you qualify, contact us at: lordc@upenn.edu or (215) 615-5304.

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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 **October 4-10, 2010**. Also reported were 25 crimes against property (including 15 thefts and 1 act of vandalism). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v57/n08/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 **October 4-10, 2010**. 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.

10/06/10	9:36 AM	3443 Sansom St	Unauthorized man in building/Arrest
10/06/10	12:58 PM	3604 Chestnut St	Male obstructing entrance/Arrest
10/06/10	5:50 PM	4200 Chestnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
10/07/10	8:28 PM	3900 Walnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
10/07/10	9:21 PM	4000 Walnut St	Operator on cell phone/Citation
10/08/10	11:08 AM	4040 Market St	Male arrested for disorderly conduct
10/08/10	12:22 PM	3933 Walnut St	Female blocking entrance/Arrest
10/09/10	1:34 AM	3400 Spruce St	Officer assaulted/Arrest
10/09/10	3:15 AM	3800 Walnut St	Female cited for public urination

18th District Report

6 incidents with 2 arrests (including 5 robberies and 1 aggravated assault) were reported between **October 4-10, 2010** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

10/04/10	4:35 PM	4314 Locust St	Robbery/Arrest
10/07/10	5:24 PM	4609 Springfield Ave	Robbery
10/09/10	3:20 AM	4900 Walton Ave	Robbery
10/09/10	3:25 AM	5100 Ludlow St	Robbery
10/09/10	4:20 PM	24 S 51st St	Aggravated Assault
10/10/10	11:25 PM	4314 Locust St	Robbery/Arrest

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Provost's Office Funding for International Initiatives Call for Proposals: November 15

The Office of the Provost provides funding for a number of important international initiatives across campus. This year, in order to provide maximum flexibility, there is one call for proposals for all international activities supported by the Office of the Provost.

Proposals are due November 15, 2010. Projects will be reviewed by a faculty committee for scholarly merit and significance for global research, teaching, and service. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Collaborate across Schools and disciplines and involve multiple faculty members;
- Represent regions of the world in which Penn has active academic partnerships and collaborative ventures, such as China and India;
- Participate in one of Penn's academic theme years and/or other high-priority areas of University-wide interest.

Scope of Funded Activities

Funding may support, but is not limited to, such areas as: visiting scholars and speakers, student activities, summer research travel, international conferences, research and educational collaborations, multidisciplinary courses, and theme year projects. Specific funding programs include:

• **Distinguished International Scholars:** Campus visits by exceptional global scholars, lasting at least two weeks. The time on campus can be compressed into a two-week visit or spread out over the course of a semester. Visitors should participate in at least one course on campus (e.g. guest lectures). They should also participate in intellectual and cultural life on campus, through such activities as visiting other courses, offering public lectures, attending departmental seminars/workshops, and participating in programs through College Houses and Academic Services. Priority will be given to visitors from partner institutions and from China and India.

• **Global Forum:** Lectures by leading global figures. This represents an opportunity to bring key world leaders to Penn and engage the campus in substantive dialogue on issues of global importance and local relevance; highlight interdisciplinary themes as part of Penn's global focus; and establish Penn as a key source of knowledge and research on important global issues.

• **Student Activities:** Faculty-led international opportunities for students, providing significant research, educational, or service experiences. Projects should enhance international offerings at Penn and provide innovative new models for international student opportunities, including opportunities for students in major fields and in world areas not commonly represented in study abroad options, embedded overseas components to on-campus semester courses, and interdisciplinary offerings focused on global issues.

• **Research Travel:** Travel for faculty research activities, especially to Penn's international partner universities, such as Peking University, Tsinghua University, and the Catholic University of Leuven. Funds from the Center for the Advanced Study of India will support faculty research travel to India as part of this initiative. Projects should last one to three months. Proposals may include research at universities, libraries, archives, institutes, or laboratories, as well as work with a longstanding research collaborator; they may not include travel to conferences.

• **International Conferences:** The international conference support program is designed for scholarly meetings that will be convened on the Penn campus, thereby providing enrichment opportunities to interested faculty, students, and staff, most frequently in the format of a 1-2 day colloquium. The intent is to support meetings that are designed to enhance existing research and scholarly programs, particularly in disciplines where external funding is difficult to obtain. High priority will be given to inter- or cross-disciplinary conferences that include faculty from more than one School.

• **Research and Educational Collaborations:** Development of major international partnerships, research networks, or global programs on Penn's campus, including but not limited to the development of a multi-university initiative, a particular topic or theme, or new international-themed interdisciplinary educational or extracurricular programming on Penn's campus.

• **Multidisciplinary Courses:** Development and implementation of courses that integrate knowledge around important campus-wide global themes and topics; the course may bring a related speaker to campus or include project- or case-based experiences.

• **Theme Year Projects:** Initiatives that provide an international dimension to one of Penn's academic theme years. This may include activities described above that are relevant to the theme year. The 2010-2011 academic theme is Water and the 2011-2012 academic theme is Games: Body and Mind.

This call for proposals consolidates all existing global funding initiatives of the Provost's Office, including the Hewlett Award for Innovation in International Offerings, the Global Forum, the Distinguished International Scholars Program, and the Provost's International Research Award.

The Provost's Office will continue to support the International Internship Program under a separate application process administered through the Office of International Programs.

Application

Applications must include:

- A completed (with all signatures) International Initiatives Cover Sheet available at: www.upenn.edu/provost/global_engagement.
- A 500-1000 word proposal, including background; work to be undertaken; ability to enhance Penn's international teaching, research and engagement; and demonstrated interdisciplinary linkages.
- Biographies of faculty members involved in the project.
- Budget in line item format, with explanations. Items that can be requested include costs associated with travel expenses, supplies, and honoraria for visitors.
- Evidence of additional funding from institutional or external sources.
- For conference support, a description of the purpose of the meeting; a proposed program agenda; a proposed list of presenters; the names of Penn faculty organizing the meeting; the number of Penn students and faculty expected to attend; an explanation of the benefit to Penn students and faculty; an explanation of the benefit to scholarly or research programs at Penn; an explanation of the relationship of the meeting to department, institute, or center programs.
- For distinguished scholar visits, the proposed visitor's CV and a description of the visitor's proposed activities while at Penn.
- For research travel, length of expected time for the travel.

Submission

Email a complete PDF, including signed cover sheet, application, and budget, to vprgrant@pobox.upenn.edu. The name of the PDF must be the last name of the principal investigator.

Guidelines

- Additional funds should be contributed by a School or Center, and proposals with support from multiple schools or centers will be given priority. Proposals that do not have this additional support will be funded only in exceptional cases.
- Grants will usually be awarded for a single year only. Larger multi-year initiatives may also be considered (2-3 year maximum). Applications for renewal of a previously funded project will not be accepted.
- Funds must be spent within 12 months of the beginning of the grant unless otherwise approved by the review committee. Unexpended funds must be returned and may not be "banked" for future use beyond the scope of the approved project, unless explicitly approved by the review committee. Requests for carryover of unexpended funds must be made, in writing, at least two months before the award's expiration.
- For CASI research travel funds, preference will be given to faculty members who have no prior India-related research experience.
- Regulatory approvals must be obtained before funds are transferred to the department, and the home department must have a 26-digit budget code.
- At the end of the project, an expenditure report and annual report outlining accomplishments and identified opportunities for follow-on funding must be submitted.
- If the project involves human subjects, animals, biohazards, or other regulatory issues, the application should identify those concerns and provide documentation that they will be addressed. Please note that Institutional Review Board approval may be required for human subject research in all disciplines, including the sociobehavioral sciences and humanities. If review and approval by the Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or Department of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety is required, it may be obtained after the application has been approved, but it must be obtained before funds are provided or the project has been initiated. For advice, please contact the Office of Regulatory Affairs.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a faculty review committee organized by the Senior Vice Provost for Research, according to such criteria as:

- Scholarly merit;
- Creativity and innovation;
- Feasibility;
- Significance and impact on important global issues;
- Involvement of multiple disciplines and partners;
- Focus on priority regions;
- Availability of alternate funding sources and/or matching support.

Questions can be addressed to: global@exchange.upenn.edu.