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Dorothy Roberts: Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor

President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price are pleased to announce the appointment of Dorothy Roberts as the University of Pennsylvania's fourteenth Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor, effective July 1, 2012.

Professor Roberts, an acclaimed scholar of race, gender, and the law, will be the George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology. Her appointment will be shared between the Penn Law School, where she will also be the inaugural Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander ED'18, GR'21, L'27 Professor of Civil Rights, and the department of sociology in the School of Arts & Sciences.

"Dorothy Roberts is an award-winning teacher and scholar who writes and speaks about some of the most important and challenging issues facing our society, including civil rights, reproductive rights, poverty, child welfare and family law," said President Gutmann. "Her work elegantly blends perspectives from law, sociology, ethics, race and gender studies, and beyond. She exemplifies Penn's commitment to linking the liberal arts and the professions and to making a positive impact on communities in Philadelphia and around the world."

Professor Roberts' pathbreaking work in law and public policy focuses on urgent contemporary issues in health and bioethics, especially as they impact the lives of women, children and African-Americans. Her major books



Dorothy Roberts

include *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-first Century* (New Press, 2011), *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare* (Basic Books, 2002), and *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty* (Pantheon, 1997). She is the author of more than 75 scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as a co-editor of six books on such topics as constitutional law, First Amendment law and women and the law.

"Dorothy Roberts' highly engaged scholarship exemplifies the power of integrating knowledge," said Provost Price. "She brings together a wide range of disciplines to illuminate some of the most fundamental challenges of our time. Her work has made a tangible difference in improving the lives of those who are disadvantaged and underrepresented."

The Penn Integrates Knowledge program was launched by President Gutmann in 2005 as a University-wide initiative to recruit exceptional faculty members whose research and teaching exemplify the integration of knowledge across disciplines and who are jointly appointed between two schools at Penn.

Professor Roberts has taught since 1998 at Northwestern University, where she is currently Kirkland & Ellis Professor at the School of Law and professor of African-American studies and sociology. She earned a JD (1980) from Harvard Law School and a BA (1977) *magna cum laude* from Yale University.

The George A. Weiss University Professorship is a gift of George A. Weiss, a 1965 graduate of the University. Mr. Weiss is vice chair of the Board of Trustees, chair of *Making History: The Campaign for Penn*, and serves on the

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Nursing, Veterans and PTSD

First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden came to the University of Pennsylvania last Wednesday to announce a major initiative by more than 150 of America's leading nursing organizations and more than 450 nursing schools in 50 states and territories to ensure our nation's nurses are prepared to help meet the unique health needs of service members, veterans, and their families. Penn President Amy Gutmann welcomed the "two inspiring women" to campus and said Penn is honored to be part of this "vital initiative."

Nursing leaders—including Penn Nursing Dean Afaf Meleis—have committed to educating current and future nurses on how to recognize and care for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and other combat-related issues. Collectively, this effort will reach over three million nurses in nearly every health care setting and every community in America. Dean Meleis told the First Lady, "you have come to the right university." She added, "care based on science is what nurses do."

Joining Forces is turning to nurses to identify, treat, and conduct research on PTSD since attention to PTSD is a significant component of Joining Forces which was created one year ago by the First Lady and Second Lady to champion wellness, education, and employment among military service members and their families.

Dr. Biden said, "Our military families deserve the very best efforts of each of us, to ease the burdens created by their service to our country. It is our sacred obligation to show our military families that we truly appreciate their sacrifices on our behalf."

Mrs. Obama said, "nurses are the front line of America's health care system. Every day, with your hard work, with your skill, your compassion, nurses determine the quality of care that we all receive."

After more than 10 years of war, nearly 50,000 of America's military members have been wounded, many of them severely. These are the visible wounds of war. But the invisible wounds which are the signature injuries of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—PTSD and TBI—have impacted roughly one in six of this country's veterans. Mrs. Obama said, "These combat-related mental health challenges are natural, normal, human responses to the violence of war. They are not in any way a sign of weakness, and they should never be a source of shame or a cause for stigma." She urged veterans to ask for help, that it is not a sign of weakness.

She told the nurses and nursing students, "we know that by joining forces with all of you and

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School of Social Policy & Practice Teaching Awards

Dr. Damon Freeman is the recipient of the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award, Standing Faculty, School of Social Policy & Practice for the third straight year. Dr. Freeman is an assistant professor at SP2. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Morgan State University in Baltimore, a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, and a PhD in African-American history from Indiana University. He has taught courses on American Racism and Social Work Practice, Understanding Social Change, the Courts and Social Policy, and Critical Race Theory. Dr. Freeman believes in taking a deep learning approach to topics, particularly race that moves students beyond superficial learning and critically examines what race means in the 21st century United States.



Damon Freeman

Dr. Danna Bodenheimer is the recipient of the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award, Part-time Faculty, School of Social Policy & Practice. She has served as a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania since 2009 and was a member of the first cohort of graduates from Penn's DSW program. Dr. Bodenheimer received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Smith College and a post-baccalaureate degree from Columbia University. Dr. Bodenheimer splits her time between teaching at Penn, a private practice in Center City, Philadelphia and writing. She has published on topics related to love in psychotherapy, eating disorders and the history of relational work. Dr. Bodenheimer is currently working on a book about getting started in the field of clinical social work through White Hat Press.



Danna Bodenheimer

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The following is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Among other purposes, the publication of SEC actions is intended to stimulate discussion among the constituencies and their representatives. Please communicate your comments to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Chair Camille Charles reported that the May SEC meeting will be held at the Hourglass Room in the University Club, Inn at Penn. She noted that a reception will follow the meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. She explained that at the May meeting SEC will consider the proposed addition of a part-time faculty track in the School of Medicine and will hear annual reports from the Senate Committee Chairs.

Past Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Past Chair Bob Hornik reported that Capital Council did not meet and that Academic Planning and Budget discussed online education and two new Master's Programs.

How Universities Can Make the Most Difference, Locally and Globally: President Amy Gutmann updated SEC members on the three paramount aims of higher education: Opportunity, Global Understanding and Impact. She focused the conversation on educating undergraduates in the 21st century. She noted that it is important to discuss college education affordability in terms of the net cost rather than the tuition cost. President Gutmann showed the high performance of investing in an undergraduate college degree as opposed to investing in the market for that same period of time. She reported that the unemployment rate for college graduates peaked at 5.1%, which was much lower than the national unemployment rate. President Gutmann discussed the five income quin-

tiles of prospective families and their over- and/or under-representation among enrolled students. She explained that Penn has made much headway by increasing access of affordability with need-blind admissions and need-based financial aid. She noted that the average net cost for aided undergraduate students at Penn has decreased from \$19,400 to \$18,700 over the past seven years, which exemplifies why it is important to focus on the net cost of education. President Gutmann reported that Penn is moving to integrate liberal arts and professional education through courses such as The Future of the American Health Care System, Access, Cost and Quality taught by Ezekiel Emanuel and Sanford Schwartz. President Gutmann explained Penn's three areas of impact: empowering individual undergraduate students, local civic improvement, and stimulation of economic and social progress.

SEC members' discussion focused on the following topics: the fraction of aided students which is rising, the fraction of students coming to Penn from the lower economic quintile which is helped by partnering with the QuestBridge and POSSE programs, the sustainability of the School of Arts & Sciences to support their mission, working with Responsibility Center Management by integrating and adjusting incentives, and the future of online learning as a supplement to traditional teaching methods.

Deaths

Ms. Burke, Comptroller's Office

Mary Suzanne Burke, associate director of financial systems in the Office of the Comptroller, died suddenly on April 6 at age 52.

Ms. Burke spent her 34-year career at Penn in the Comptroller's Office, initially working in Accounts Payable. She was promoted to her most recent position in 2011.

Ms. Burke has been given multiple honorable mentions by the Models of Excellence selection committee for her contributions to the development of BEN Reports in 2001, the BEN Financials upgrade to FinMIS in 2003 and her roles on the CPUP Physician Payroll Integration Team and Penn Marketplace Enhancement Team in 2005.

Ms. Burke is survived by her siblings, Patrick M. Burke, Michael D. Burke, John P. Burke, Margaret J. Berry and Robert J. A. Burke; 14 nieces and nephews; and one great-nephew.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former faculty and staff members, students and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu

However, notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Room 517, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu

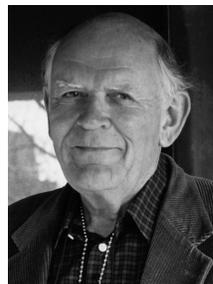
Dr. Bernard Wailes, Anthropology and the Penn Museum

Dr. Bernard Wailes, associate professor emeritus of anthropology and associate curator emeritus of European archaeology at the Penn Museum, passed away March 30 in London, England. He would have turned 78 on April 3.

Dr. Wailes was director of excavations at the major Iron Age "royal" site of Dún Ailinne in Co. Kildare, Ireland, from 1968 to 1975 but will be best remembered for his lasting influence on European archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania and in the United States.

Born in St. Mawgan, Cornwall, he attended the University of Cambridge (St. Catharine's College) where he received his BA (1957), MA (1961), and PhD (1964). Although his areas of expertise spanned later prehistoric to early historic Europe, Ireland in particular, he maintained a profound interest in the entire field of archaeology throughout his life.

His breadth of knowledge served him well when he came to Penn in 1961 where he initiated the University's distinctive interdisciplinary program in European archaeology and field methods. This program took many forms over the years, with Dr. Wailes serving as chair at various times for the graduate groups of classical archaeology, ancient history, and art and archaeology of the Mediterranean World. He was also involved in curriculum committees on such varied subjects as medieval studies, environmental studies and radiocarbon dating.



Bernard Wailes

Dr. Wailes became associate curator of the European archaeology section of the Penn Museum in 1970 after this collection was made separate from the Mediterranean section. He also served as editor of the Museum's magazine, *Expedition*, from 1978 to 1987. He was one of the first Senior Fellows of the Louis J. Kolb Society, which supports the research of promising Penn graduate students in academic disciplines related to the museum's mission.

In 1996, he edited a volume on *Craft Specialization and Social Evolution* in memory of the archaeological giant V. Gordon Childe, from whom he traced his intellectual lineage. Many former students of Dr. Wailes—themselves now prominent scholars of ancient Europe in the US and abroad—came together in 2000 for a symposium at the Penn Museum in honor of their mentor, attesting to his enduring legacy and contributions to the discipline.

Dr. Wailes received a distinguished teaching award from the College of General Studies in 1996 and retired officially in 1999, but continued to advise students, write and travel. In 2007, he co-authored *Dún Ailinne: Excavations at an Irish Royal Site 1968-1975* (with Dr. Susan Johnston from George Washington University), the definitive monograph on his work at Dún Ailinne, and was guest of honor at the dedication of a new interpretive park at the site in 2008.

"He will be deeply missed by his family and innumerable friends, students and colleagues," said Dr. Robert Preucel, Sally and Alvin V. Shoemaker Professor and chair of anthropology.

Dr. Wailes is survived by his sons, Matthew, Thomas and William.

A memorial service will be held at the Penn Museum, details pending.

Honors & Other Things

Trustees' Council of Penn Women Awards



E. Ann Matter



Julie Nelson Davis



Barbra Mann Wall



Toni Morrison

The Trustees' Council of Penn Women (TCPW) held a series of events for its members during its annual spring meeting April 12-13 to commemorate its 25th anniversary. Included in these events were award ceremonies for recipients of the TCPW-Provost Award of Recognition, co-sponsored by the Provost's Office, the TCPW 25th Anniversary Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and the Beacon Award.

TCPW-Provost Award of Recognition

Dr. E. Ann Matter, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Religious Studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, is the third annual recipient of the TCPW-Provost Award of Recognition, for significant contributions by Penn faculty to advancing the role of women in higher education and research at Penn.

Dr. Matter was honored as one of the pioneers and leaders in the advancement of women faculty at Penn. Over more than 35 years, she has been a mentor to generations of faculty and stu-

dents; a longtime advocate and two-time director of women's studies; and a role model of excellence in research, teaching, and administrative service, especially during her tenures as associate dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and chair of the department of religious studies.

TCPW 25th Anniversary Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

The recipients of the TCPW 25th Anniversary Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising are *Dr. Julie Nelson Davis*, associate professor of the history of art in the School of Arts & Sciences, and *Dr. Barbra Mann Wall*, Evan C Thompson Professor of Excellence in Teaching and associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing.

This award, established to mark TCPW's quarter-century milestone, recognizes undergraduate faculty advisors who have distinguished themselves in providing assistance and advice to their advisee students and who have made a sig-

nificant impact on the academic experience of these students.

Beacon Award

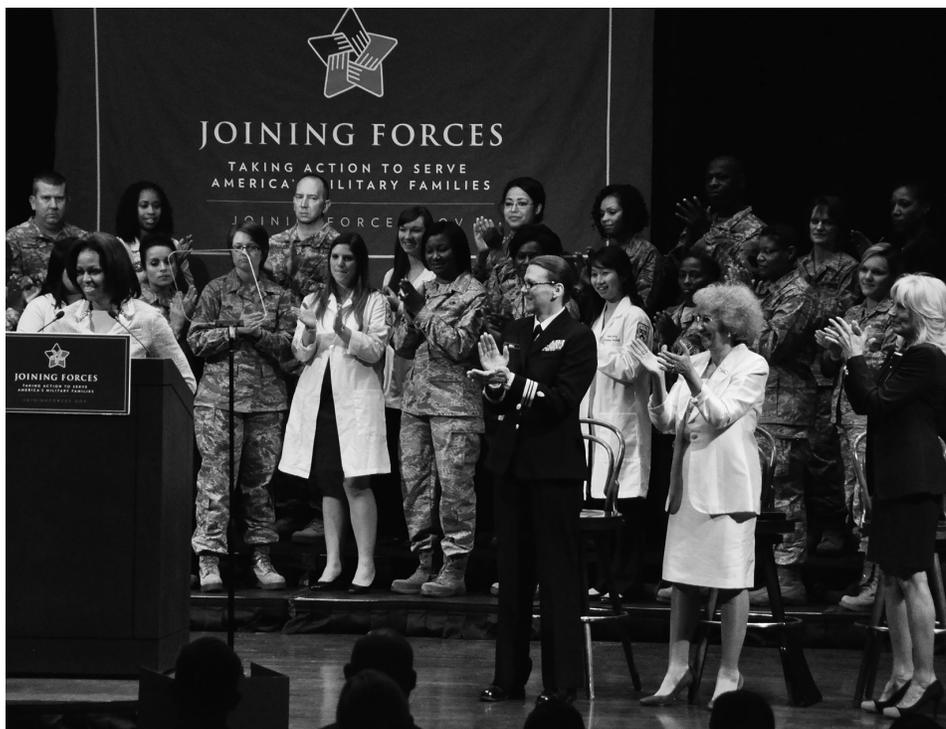
Author *Toni Morrison* was honored with the Beacon Award for her contributions to literature and the arts and her commitment to advancing, supporting and promoting women.

Ms. Morrison was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1988 and a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993. Among her best-known novels are *The Bluest Eye*, *Song of Solomon* and *Beloved*.

The Beacon Award is presented to highlight Penn's commitment to women's issues and recognizes outstanding leaders who have demonstrated this same commitment. *Ms. Morrison* is the 11th recipient. Past Beacon awardees include US Secretary of State and former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, retired US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Third Circuit Court Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

"Twenty-five years ago TCPW was created to foster and promote the advancement of women's issues across Penn," Leslie Simon Myers, TCPW chair, said. "In that time, we have made enormous strides, including bringing exceptional women such as *Toni Morrison* and the other highly distinguished Beacon Award recipients to campus, creating awards and grants to honor students and faculty, as well as made significant contributions to the University through both service and donations. We have also set an example for schools across the country to harness the capability of their alumnae to give back. As we look ahead, we will continue in our mission to create pioneering programs and initiatives that enhance the experience for women across Penn's campus."

The Trustees' Council of Penn Women is an international network of Penn alumnae. These leaders, by power of their example, support, foster and promote the advancement of women and women's issues within the University, thus enriching the University community as a whole.



First Lady Michelle Obama (at podium) during the *Joining Forces* event at Irvine Auditorium on April 11. Standing in front of the nursing students and members of the National Guard, are (left to right) Lieutenant Commander *Pamela Herbig Wall*, USN, a pre-doctoral student at Penn Nursing with an emphasis in psychiatric mental health, including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury; Penn Nursing Dean *Afaf Meleis*, and *Dr. Jill Biden*. See story on page 1.

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millions of nurses across this country, we can serve our men and women in uniform and their families as well as they have served this country.

Though the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration continue their efforts to address and treat PTSD, half of today's Iraq and Afghanistan veterans seek care from health care providers outside the VA system. Nurses are often the first-line providers of care for veterans with PTSD and nurse scientists at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing are leaders in fundamental research on this life-altering disorder.

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Athletics Board of Overseers. He is president of George Weiss Associates, Inc., a New York-based money management firm.

The Alexander Chair, established by the Alexander family, honors *Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander*, the first African-American woman to graduate from Penn Law. It is supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and by gifts from the Black Law Students Association, *Duane Morris LLP*, and many alumni, students, faculty and friends of Penn Law.

Honors & Other Things

Penn-made President: Dr. Barchi

Dr. Robert Barchi, provost of the University of Pennsylvania from 1999 to 2004, was named the 20th president of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Currently president of Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Barchi will begin his tenure at Rutgers on September 1. For more Penn-made Presidents see *Almanac* November 18, 2008.

Physician Awards:

Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos

Dr. Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, professor emerita of pediatrics and physiology in the Perelman School of Medicine, received the first annual Maria Kalopathakes Award, named after the first Hellenic Physician in the United States by the Hellenic Association of New York.

Also, she received the Excellence in Pediatric Academic Medicine Award from the University of Oklahoma. This award is presented each year to an outstanding woman in the field of neonatal-perinatal medicine who embodies the soul and spirit of academic struggle and success and who has mentored other women in the field.

Top 10 College Women: Ms. Derman

Penn Nursing sophomore Yali Derman is one of *Glamour* magazine's Top 10 College Women 2012 for donating all of proceeds from the handbags she creates, called Yali's Carry On. According to *Glamour*, "She's sold about 2,000, donating all proceeds—more than a whopping \$150,000—to an arts facility at the hospital that treated her when she was young. The Illinois native also directs the workshops she started in Chicago and Philadelphia for kids with cancer, helping them to create their own bags."

ACLS Fellowship: Dr. Detlefsen

Dr. Karen Detlefsen, associate professor of philosophy and education in the School of Arts & Sciences, is the recipient of a 2012 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Collaborative Research Fellowship. She is among 15 scholars selected to work in groups of two to three on single, substantive projects.

Dr. Detlefsen will collaborate with Dr. Andrew Janiak, associate professor at Duke University, to produce the first English-language book on the philosophy and intellectual landscape of Émilie du Châtelet, a French mathematician, physicist and author during the Age of Enlightenment.

UNESCO International Bioethics Committee: Dr. Moreno

Dr. Jonathan Moreno has been invited to join the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's International Bioethics Committee (UNESCO). Dr. Moreno is a Penn Integrates Knowledge professor with appointments in the Perelman School of Medicine's department of medical ethics and health policy and the School of Arts & Sciences' department of history and sociology of science. He holds the David and Lyn Silfen University Professorship of Ethics.

UNESCO's mission is to encourage peace and security through the promotion of education and international collaboration.

Dr. Moreno will serve as one of 36 independent experts on the International Bioethics Committee, which is instructed to promote "reflection on the legal and ethical issues raised by the life sciences and their applications," as well as to encourage knowledge sharing and awareness building related to bioethics.

PSERS Trustee: Mr. Silverstein

The Honorable Martin J. Silverstein, GL'08, Penn Nursing Overseer, was nominated by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate as a trustee of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). PSERS is a public pension fund with \$50 billion in assets and 500,000 members. The 15 member board is an independent administrative board of the Commonwealth. The trustees have exclusive control and management of the Fund and full power to invest it. Mr. Silverstein is also senior counsel for Greenberg Traurig, LLP and former US Ambassador to Uruguay.

NYU Nursing Dean: Dr. Sullivan-Marx

Dr. Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx has been named dean of NYU's College of Nursing, where she will take office on July 1. Dr. Sullivan-Marx is professor of scholarly practice, associate dean for practice & community affairs and Shearer Endowed Term Chair for Healthy Community Practices in the Penn School of Nursing.

Dr. Sullivan-Marx currently oversees Penn Nursing's practice and community mission through oversight of the school's Program of All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE), its Living Independently For Elders (LIFE) program, the Healthy in Philadelphia Initiative, Penn Nursing Consultation Service, the Penn Council of Nurses, and the Center for Professional Development.

CoC Accreditation for Penn Medicine

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) has awarded three-year accreditation to all three Penn Medicine hospitals in recognition of their commitment to the highest level of quality cancer care. The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Hospital received the commission's top honor, the Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA), and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center received an accreditation with Commendation. The Abramson Cancer Center at HUP is the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in the nation to receive the OAA for 2011.

Magnet® Recognition for HUP

The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) has been accredited for the second time as a Magnet® organization—the highest institutional honor granted for nursing excellence—from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®. Magnet recognition has become the gold standard for nursing excellence and is bestowed upon less than seven percent of hospitals nationwide. The status reinforces the quality of the hospital's entire faculty and staff, and the commitments made to patient care, improving professional practice, and transforming the culture of a work environment.



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

2012 Guggenheim Fellowships

Three University of Pennsylvania professors will receive 2012 Guggenheim Fellowships. Dr. Jamal J. Elias, Dr. Justin McDaniel and Dr. Benjamin Nathans of the University of Pennsylvania have been awarded 2012 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowships. All are in Penn's School of Arts & Sciences.

They are among 181 scholars, artists, and scientists selected from a field of nearly 3,000 applicants in the Guggenheim's 88th annual competition for the United States and Canada.

Dr. Elias is professor and chair of religious studies. He holds a secondary appointment in South Asia studies. While a Guggenheim Fellow, he will pursue a major research project on the history of the Mevlevi Sufi order, sometimes called the "Whirling Dervishes," from its inception in the 13th century until the advent of the modern era.

Dr. McDaniel is an associate professor of religious studies. Dr. McDaniel's fellowship will support his research project on the making of Buddhist leisure culture in Asia.

Dr. Nathans is an associate professor of history. His Guggenheim research project is on Soviet dissidents, human rights and the Soviet Union after Stalin.

More information and a complete list of the 2012 Fellows is available at www.gf.org

Penn IUR Urban Leadership Awards



Derek R.B. Douglas, Lily Yeh and Paul Levy

The Penn Institute for Urban Research (Penn IUR) hosted the 8th Annual Urban Leadership Forum, "Strong Communities and Cities, Sustainable Nations," last month to celebrate exemplary leaders who are guiding cities toward a sustainable and vibrant future. The Penn IUR Urban Leadership Award is awarded annually to urban leaders who have made outstanding contributions to urban scholarship and to building cities that successfully respond to the challenges of the 21st century.

This year's awardees are:

Derek R.B. Douglas, vice president for civic engagement, University of Chicago and former special assistant to President Barack Obama, White House Domestic Policy Council;

Paul Levy, president and CEO, Philadelphia's Center City District; and

Lily Yeh, global artist and founder, Barefoot Artists.

Their past accomplishments and forward thinking are paving the way forward for today's cities to be global leaders in building sustainable communities.

Volunteer Opportunities

Election Day Volunteers:

The Committee of Seventy announced the Voter Protection Program for the April 24 Pennsylvania Primary. Volunteers are invited to take part to ensure a clean and fair election for Philadelphia voters.

Online registration for Field and Hotline Volunteers is now open at www.seventy.org/TakeAction_Become_A_Volunteer.aspx

2012 is a major election year. Pennsylvania voters will cast ballots for President, US Senator, US Representative, National Party Delegates, Attorney General, Auditor General, Treasurer, State Senator and State Representative.

2012 will be a crucial year to protect the right to vote. Governor Corbett enacted a new law that will go into effect at the November 6 General Election requiring Pennsylvania voters to show photo ID every time they go to vote. Volunteers at the April 24 Primary will play a crucial role in educating the public—and sorting out confusion—about this new requirement.

Help out at the Penn Relays:

Penn Relays is just around the corner. Hopefully you have been saving some time out of your busy schedules to help. The hours of registration in The  Palestra are as follows:

Wednesday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, April 27, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After registration is over or slows down, you can help out on the track and other areas. For more information contact, Gail Zachary (215) 898-6145.

Volunteer for the Children's Festival:

The upcoming International Children's Festival, presented by the Annenberg Center, is seeking volunteers to help with craft and activity stations  May 3-5. This is a fun way to support area youth.

(See www.pennpresents.org/tickets/childfest.php for more info about the festival.) Volunteer details:

Thursday, May 3: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, May 4: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 5: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Volunteers may participate one, two or three days, but must commit to at least four hours.

• Registered volunteers participating at least 7 hours may be invited to an exclusive children's festival performance on the evening of May 3 and two vouchers to future Annenberg performances.

Available duties include:

- helping with craft tables (working with children to create a given craft)
- helping prepare craft supplies (cutting shapes)
- manning activity station (bean bag tosses)
- crowd control (directing groups to locations, keeping people in line)

It is recommended that volunteers attend an orientation session in April, but attendance is not mandatory.

To volunteer, please respond via email (simonescraftbox@yahoo.com) and provide a brief background indicating your areas of interest along with your contact information and availability during the festival.

Teach at the Nonprofit Institute:

The Nonprofit and Communities of Faith Nonprofit Institute provides high-impact training to help individuals, nonprofits and communities of faith improve the quality of services to their constituency.

Through the Nonprofit Institute, persons involved with local nonprofits and communities of faith learn how to build organizational and program capacity through the study of funding, technology and capacity building. Do you have expertise in an area that participants can benefit from? Please share your expertise by volunteering to teach a class in management, finances, technology, fundraising, etc. To volunteer, email Isabel Mapp sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu

Fels Public Policy Challenge Winner

The *Closing Schools, Opening Opportunities* team has won the University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute of Government's Third Annual Public Policy Challenge.

"The Public Policy Challenge brings together talented, passionate interdisciplinary groups to develop practical pragmatic solutions to some of our region's most pressing issues," said David Thornburgh, executive director of Fels.

During the nine-week competition, 10 Penn student-led teams vied to develop the best overall policy proposal and civic campaign.

The winning proposal focuses on transforming nine vacant school properties into vibrant community hubs to counteract potential blight and the adverse economic effects of school closures.

The *Closing Schools, Opening Opportunities* team received a \$10,000 prize and will move on to the National Invitational Public Policy Challenge to face student teams from Carnegie Mellon University, New York University, the University of Chicago and the University of Washington. The finals will be held on April 22 at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

The Public Policy Challenge is presented by Deloitte Consulting Group with major support from the Knight Foundation and is co-sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation and *Philadelphia Social Innovations Journal*.

Ivy Player of the Year: Mr. Rosen

Penn senior guard *Zack Rosen* was named the Ivy League Player of the Year as well as first-team All-Ivy in men's basketball. In addition, senior forward *Rob Belcore* was named honorable mention All-Ivy. He is just the fourth player to receive the Player of the Year honor in a unanimous vote since 2000.

Mr. Rosen is also the recipient of the Robert V. Geasey Trophy, which is awarded to the most outstanding basketball player in the Philadelphia Big 5.

Correction:

In last week's announcement about the Lindback and Provost's Awards, *Dr. Neal Rubinstein's* name was spelled incorrectly. We regret the error. —Ed.

Fifth Annual PennMOVES: Volunteers Needed May 2-31; Sale on June 2nd at South Bank, 3401 Grays Ferry Avenue

Once again, the Business Services Division is pleased to announce the launch of our annual Penn MOVES—Move Out Volunteers Engaging in Service—initiative. PennMOVES is seeking volunteers from the Penn community. This is a great way to support Penn's sustainability goals and President Gutmann's climate commitment. Since its inception in 2008, PennMOVES has collected close to 350,000 pounds of items that students can't take with them when they leave campus in the summer—clothes, furniture, kitchen gear, nonperishable food items, etc. Rather than ending up in the landfill, these items are now distributed to individuals and organizations throughout our local community.

This year, Penn is again collaborating with Goodwill Industries to provide technical expertise and logistical support for the effort. Goodwill Industries is one of the world's largest nonprofit providers of employment training services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment, including a new partnership with the City of Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Reintegration Services for Ex-Offenders (RISE). Launched in 2009, RISE helps get ex-offenders back on their feet and to work by receiving hands-on light industrial skills training while earning a weekly paycheck.

The sale will be held Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at South Bank, 3401 Grays Ferry Avenue. Admission is free, but bargain hunters can pay an early admittance fee of \$5 for entry on a first-come, first-served basis between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Free parking is also available. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Goodwill's local job training programs.

Although Goodwill is handling the organizing and sale functions, Penn volunteers are needed starting May 2 through May 31 to assist with the collection of items from students and to ensure that they get to our collection point set-ups at campus residences. Volunteers may sign up in two-hour increments from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone interested in helping can register online at www.upenn.edu/pennmoves. It is more fun to volunteer with your colleagues, so we welcome departmental teams. If you have questions about this effort, please send an email to pennmoves@upenn.edu

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Model Supervisor Award Finalists

Established in 2007, the Model Supervisor Award is given to an outstanding Penn supervisor who serves as a role model for others to emulate. From setting goals to giving constructive feedback to helping others develop their careers, Model Supervisors exhibit exemplary leadership and this year's nominees are among the best of the best when it comes to managers at Penn.

The 2012 Model Supervisor finalists are:

• *Maggie Krall*, director of administration, Combined Degree & Physician Scholar Programs, Perelman School of Medicine

• *Patricia Rose*, director of the Office of Career Services, University Life

• *Peter Schulman*, executive director of the Positive Psychology Center, Department of Psychology, School of Arts & Sciences

Chosen by a rotating selection committee of campus leaders (along with feedback from staff), these individuals were selected for their outstanding supervisory behaviors—including fairness, strong leadership and exceptional managerial skills.

Other nominees for this year's Model Supervisor Award were: *James Cackovich*, technical staff manager, Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts; *Carole Johnson*, supervisor, Section of Sports Medicine and Imaging, School of Veterinary Medicine; and *Patricia Yust*, supervisor, Clinic Management, School of Dental Medicine.

Join us on April 24 to see who captures this year's Model Supervisor Award. The winner will be announced live on stage at the Models of Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception, from 4–6 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium.

To RSVP, contact Human Resources at QOWL@hr.upenn.edu or (215) 898-1012. Visit HR's website at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/models/model-supervisoraward.aspx for more information.

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 Almanac provides links to select stories each week there is an issue. Visit Almanac's website, www.upenn.edu/almanac for instructions on how to subscribe to the Almanac RSS Feed.

Free Health Screenings

West Philadelphia Wellness Day

Penn Nursing's Healthy In Philadelphia (HIP) initiative and Living Independently for Elders (LIFE) program are presenting their Second Annual West Philadelphia Wellness Day on Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LIFE building, 4508 Chestnut St. The event is open to all ages. The day, co-hosted by Philadelphia City Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell, Penn's Office of Government and Community Affairs, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, and the UPHS, will feature free health screenings, workshops, massages, food and giveaways, music, face painting and Zumba dancing. RSVP at (215) 898-4998 or (215) 898-5629.

Free Eye Exams for Service Dogs

During the week of May 14–18, the School of Veterinary Medicine's Ryan Hospital is once again participating in the National Service Dog Eye Exam sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists and Meriel. Participating Penn ophthalmologists include Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, Dr. William Crumley and Dr. Stephen Gross. Exams are free to registered service dogs across the US and Canada. Dogs must be registered by April 30 at www.acvoeyexam.org before scheduling an appointment, (215) 746-8387.

Free Skin Cancer Screening

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Penn Dermatology and Penn's Abramson Cancer Center are sponsoring free skin cancer screenings on Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m.–noon, at the Ruth and Raymond Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, 3400 Civic Center Blvd., 1st fl., ste. 1-330S. Appointments are required: (215) 662-2737 or PennMedicine.org

Two New Sustainable Parking Initiatives

Occasional Parking

Penn Parking Services designed this new program to allow commuters who normally use public transportation, vanpooling, carpooling or biking as their primary commute mode to be able to drive to campus when necessary. Occasional parking is available at Penn Park and provides two free uses per year with up to 10 additional uses priced at 50 percent of the daily maximum rate, currently \$8 (which means passes will cost \$4). Passes will be available for purchase, by payroll deduction only. Participants must have a valid driver's license, proof of participation in Penn's transit, vanpool or carpool programs and not be a current Penn Parking permit-holder. Bikers would be required to register their bikes with the Division of Public Safety property registration in order to qualify. For additional details, visit the Penn Parking website at www.upenn.edu/parking

Carpool Parking

Current Penn parking permit patrons can take advantage of discounts based on occupancy and location choices by teaming up to form a carpool. Registration is on an annual basis and each carpool member will receive a pre-tax deduction via payroll. Carpool discounts: 25% for a two person carpool; 50% for a three person carpool; 75% for a four person carpool. For additional details, visit www.upenn.edu/parking

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Faculty/Staff Appreciation Sale at the Penn Bookstore

The Bookstore is holding a Faculty/Staff Appreciation Sale through April 30 with 20% off of a wide selection of merchandise. Certificates for the discount were sent to all faculty and staff via intramural mail, and are also available at the Bookstore if you did not receive one.

Benefits Open Enrollment Ends on Friday, April 20

If you haven't reviewed your health care elections for the 2012–2013 plan year, now's your last chance! Open Enrollment will end this Friday, April 20. Remember to take a look at the benefits enhancements we're making for the new plan year since some of these changes may impact you even if you keep the same coverage. Any changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective as of July 1, 2012.

If you need help choosing a medical plan that's right for you, take advantage of our medical plan cost estimator tool. You can find this tool, along with detailed information about all your health care plan options, on the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/benefits/openenrollment.aspx

To update your benefits coverage, simply visit www.pennbenefits.upenn.edu. If you don't have internet access or are having problems enrolling online, contact the Penn Benefits Center at 1-888-PENN-BEN (1-888-736-6236) from 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday.

Human Resources Upcoming Programs

Making Your Boss Your Biggest Fan

In order to be successful in the workplace, it helps to have your supervisor on your side. But how do you guarantee that your manager will support you for the long haul? We'll tell you!

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day on April 25, come learn *10 Tips to Make Your Boss Your Biggest Fan*. We'll teach you how to make your supervisor's agenda your agenda and how to get (and stay) on the same team as your boss. By the end of the workshop, you'll be armed with the knowledge you need to have a positive and productive relationship with your manager.

For complete details and to register, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog (Browse By Category > Professional Development).

Professional and Personal Development

Improve your skills and get ahead in your career by taking advantage of the many development opportunities provided by Human Resources. You can register for programs by visiting the Human Resources online course catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog or by contacting Learning and Education at (215) 898-3400.

Microsoft SharePoint Services 3.0 Techniques; May 1; noon–2 p.m.; \$40. See how Microsoft SharePoint can boost your productivity on the job. This webinar will show you how to use document libraries and calendars, create and share websites, and better manage information.

Career Concepts—Workplace Communication Skills; May 2; 9 a.m.–noon; \$50. Poor communication usually happens when people are unwilling to say exactly what they mean or get clarification of other people's intent. But with the right tools, you can easily overcome these obstacles—and we'll show you how! Come learn the art of assertive communication.

Overcoming Email Overload; May 3; 2:10–2:50 p.m.; \$40. Is your email inbox bursting at the seams? In this webinar, get fast and easy tips that'll cut down on your email volume and help you organize your messages in a more effective way.

Social Networking for Career Development; May 4, 11; 12:30–2 p.m.; \$40. Do you have a LinkedIn profile? Have you tweeted with career experts in your field? Social media can be a valuable professional development tool—and this two-session webinar will show you how.

Microsoft Office Excel 2010 Techniques; May 8; 12:30–2 p.m.; \$40. Microsoft Excel is full of features that can help support your work objectives—and this webinar will highlight them. Learn advanced features like data entry and presentation, enabling users to share workbooks and tracking and editing changes.

Brown Bag Matinee—Straight Talking; May 9; noon–1 p.m.; free. Discover the value of assertive behavior. This video will show you how to get your point across without stepping on other people's toes. You'll learn how to be honest with yourself and others without getting sidetracked by emotions and other people's feelings.

Emerging Collaboration Technologies: Blogs, Wikis, SharePoint; May 9; 2:30–4:30 p.m.; \$40. Want to share information and communicate more easily with your colleagues? This webinar will show you how emerging technologies like wikis,

blogs, Microsoft SharePoint and podcasts can help streamline your work.

American Management Association—Organizing Your Work: New Techniques for Administrative Professionals; May 10, 11; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; \$75. If you're an administrative professional, your responsibilities probably grow in size (and intensity) each day. This two-day workshop will give you tools and techniques to get all the work on your desk moving in the right direction.

Managing and Organizing Your Email Inbox Using Microsoft Outlook 2007; May 10; 12:30–2 p.m.; \$40. If you're looking for ways to manage your email inbox and avoid email overload, this webinar is for you. Learn techniques and shortcuts that will save you time and help you get maximum results from your email.

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Business Writing for Success; May 16, 23; 2:30–4 p.m.; \$40. Writing skills play a critical role in your career success—and this webinar will help you polish yours! You'll learn how to be a top-notch writer in the workplace. Get an overview of basic grammar rules—like subject/verb agreement, punctuation do's and don'ts, and word usage. You'll also learn how to master the art of editing and proofreading, and how to organize every project so it's well-written and error-free.

Microsoft Office Excel Pivot Table and Macros Crash Course; May 22; 2:30–4:30 p.m.; \$40. You already know how to enter data using Microsoft Excel. But what about using pivot tables and macros to present your data in new and creative ways? This webinar will show you how to leverage the power of these two important features in Excel.

Career Concepts—Coaching for Performance; May 24; 9 a.m.–noon; \$50. Supervisors are expected to be strong leaders. So if your employee makes a mistake that wastes time and resources, how do you handle it? We'll tell you! This workshop will show you how to coach your staff so they're top performers. You'll learn how to evaluate situations and make action plans to meet your goals. You'll also learn when (and how) to mentor, train, counsel and discipline your staff.

Quality of Worklife Workshops

Dealing with the demands of work and your personal life can be challenging. These free workshops, sponsored by Human Resources and led by experts from Penn's Employee Assistance Program and Quality of Worklife Department, offer information and support for your personal and professional life challenges. For complete details and to register, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog or contact Human Resources at (215) 573-2471 or gstall@upenn.edu

Relaxing Ways to Manage Your Stress; May 30; noon–1 p.m.; free. Don't let stress take a toll on your wellbeing. We can show you how to win the war on stress and become a pro at tackling tension. Come learn about different relaxation tools, guided imagery practices, and a variety of breathing and muscle relaxation techniques that you can use at work and at home.

—Division of Human Resources

Update

April AT PENN

CHANGE

The *PPSA Board Meeting* scheduled for April 10 has been rescheduled for April 24, from noon to 1 p.m. in rm. 302, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library; RSVP: ppsa@exchange.upenn.edu

EXHIBIT

20 *Art in the House*; site-specific works by Tra Bouscaren and John Schlesinger, PennDesign; Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m.; Annenberg Center (PennDesign). *Through June 30.*

MUSIC

20 *Counterparts Presents: Young, Wild & CP*; 8 p.m.; Class of '49 Auditorium, Houston Hall; \$8/Locust Walk; \$10/door. *Also April 21.*

Pennchants Sing High; 8 p.m.; Dunlop Auditorium, Stemmler Hall; \$8/PennCard; \$12/general. *Also April 21.*

21 *Full Measure: Spring Show*; Christian A capella; 7 p.m.; Philadelphia Cathedral, 38th and Chestnut; \$7/Locust Walk; \$9/door (University Life Arts Initiatives).

Wave World and The Tangent Project; electronic music; 8 p.m.; St. Mary's Hamilton Village, 3916 Locust Walk; \$20/door; \$10/students (Corporation for Innovative Music and Arts of PA).

ON STAGE

19 *Penn Players Presents: 13th of Paris*; 8 p.m.; Harold Prince Theatre, Annenberg Center; \$8/Locust Walk; \$10/door. *Also April 20, 7:30 p.m., April 21, 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.*

PennYo the Movie: 10th Anniversary Concert; 7:30 p.m.; Harrison Auditorium, Penn Museum; \$8/Locust Walk; \$10/door. *Also April 21.*

Georg Buchner's Woyzeck; 8 p.m.; Rodin Underground, Rodin College House; \$7/PennCard; \$5/Rodin residents; \$10/general. *Also April 20, 7 p.m., 10 p.m.*

20 *Onda Never Dies: Licensed to Dance Since 1996*; 8 p.m.; Iron Gate Theater; \$8/Locust Walk; \$10/door. *Also April 21, 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.*

TALKS

17 *A Simple NP-complete Tiling Problem*; Dana Scott, University of California, Berkeley; 3 p.m.; Wu & Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall (Philosophy).

18 *Mixing Modality and Probability*; Dana Scott, University of California, Berkeley; 4:30 p.m.; rm. A6, David Rittenhouse Laboratory (Philosophy).

24 *Sister Talk: Safe Sex Saves Lives*; Loretta Sweet Jemmott, Nursing; 1 p.m.; University Club, Inn at Penn (Women's Club).

AT PENN Deadlines

The April AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The deadline for the Summer AT PENN calendar, which includes events in June, July and August, is *Tuesday, May 8.*

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

XPN Music Film Festival

Taking place at the Annenberg Center April 26-29, the *XPN Music Film Festival* is the first Philadelphia festival solely dedicated to movies about music: contemporary films including rockumentaries, biopics about musicians, and movies that are defined by great soundtracks spanning a variety of musical genres.

Individual ticket: \$8 (XPN or PFS members) \$12 (non-members) at the Annenberg Center Box Office or at www.pennpresents.org/tickets
All-Access Badge: \$100 (XPN or PFS members)/\$125 (non-members) grants access to all 25 screenings and the Opening Night Party. Only 50 badges are available. See <http://lxpn.org/concerts-events/music-filmfest-2012> for the All-Access Badge.

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RESEARCH

We are looking for people with high blood pressure for a research study at The University of Pennsylvania. You must be: at least 50 years of age; have high blood pressure; have no history of diabetes or stroke. What you will receive if you join (paid by the trial): blood pressure medication(s); physical exams; laboratory tests; memory tests; electrocardiogram (EKG's). Please contact: Mark Duckworth at (215) 615-0034 or email: markjd@mail.med.upenn.edu

NIH funded research study needs right-handed menopausal woman who are willing to try estrogen for 8–10 weeks in order to help us examine the effect of estrogen on brain functioning and memory in menopausal women. If you are a healthy, menopausal woman between the ages of 48–60, you may qualify to participate in this brain imaging research study at the Penn Center for Women's Behavioral Wellness. Participants are compensated for study visits. Study visits include brain imaging and blood draws. For more information please contact Claudia at 215-41-STUDY(7-8839) or scload@mail.med.upenn.edu

For information call (215) 898-5274 or visit www.upenn.edu/almanac/faqs.html#ad
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Public Safety Walk-Back Program: April 25-May 8

As in past years, the Division of Public Safety, working with the Undergraduate Assembly and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, have reinstated the Public Safety Walk-Back Program. During Reading Days and Final Exams—from Wednesday, April 25, 2012 through Tuesday, May 8, 2012, an AlliedBarton Security Officer will be posted at the "Button" on Locust Walk from midnight-3:30 a.m. Approximately every half hour the officer will enter Van Pelt-Dietrich Library to determine if any student would like an escort. The Penn Walker will then perform the escort and return to repeat the process.

The Division of Public Safety is providing this service in addition to its normal Walking Escort Programs. Uniformed AlliedBarton Security Officers provide escorts to campus locations. Escorts are dispatched by radio and will accompany you from one campus location to another, to a Penn Transit Stop or to an on-campus SEPTA regional transit stop. Escorts are available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. To request a Walking Escort, call (215) 898-9255 (898-WALK).

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 April 2-8, 2012. Also reported were 14 Crimes Against Property (9 thefts, 2 cases of fraud, 1 act of vandalism, and 2 other offenses). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/n30creport.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 April 2-8, 2012. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

04/02/12	7:18 PM	3700 Spruce St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
04/03/12	10:18 PM	3900 Woodland Ave	Intoxicated driver/Arrest
04/03/12	11:37 PM	4000 Baltimore Ave	Complainant robbed by three males/three Arrests
04/04/12	12:36 AM	4000 Spruce St	Complainant assaulted by known person
04/04/12	10:22 PM	4000 Baltimore Ave	Intoxicated driver/Arrest
04/08/12	10:25 PM	4200 Locust St	Complainant robbed by unknown male with knife

18th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 3 incidents with no arrests (1 robbery and 2 aggravated assaults) were reported between April 2-8, 2012 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

04/04/12	8:20 PM	4900 Baltimore Ave	Aggravated Assault
04/08/12	9:20 PM	100 S 44th St	Aggravated Assault
04/08/12	10:20 PM	4200 Locust St	Robbery

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Understanding the Earth's Environment from Above and from the Ground Up

MUSA Earth Day: GIS and the Environment: April 20

Following up its successful fall Geographic Information System (GIS) day, the Penn Institute for Urban Research will be hosting an Earth Day event Friday, April 20 to celebrate the power of Spatial Analytic technology in understanding our environment. *MUSA Earth Day: GIS and the Environment*, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Meyerson Hall, Upper Gallery. The MUSA (Master of Urban Spatial Analytics) degree, is a 12-month program coupling GIS skills with knowledge in an urban content area.

Dr. Marc Imhoff, project scientist for NASA's Terra mission, will be the keynote speaker. The Terra satellite, which was launched in December 1999, utilizes five instruments to observe Earth's changing ecosystems. Dr. Imhoff was also pivotal in the creation of Earth's City Lights, which has allowed urbanists around the world to map urbanization using satellite images of the lights cities generate at night.

Following Dr. Imhoff's presentation, representatives from the EPA, USGS and Penn will showcase innovations in GIS applications for understanding the impact of the built environment on the natural landscape.

The event is free and open to the public, and includes lunch and a closing reception. Registration is required; to register, visit www.eventbrite.com/event/3327024219

- 11:30 a.m.: Registration
- noon: Keynote Lunch Speaker: Dr. Marc Imhoff (NASA) *Gray Wave of the Great Transformation: A Satellite View of Urbanization, Climate Change, and Food Security*
- 1 p.m.: Dr. Matt Nicholson (EPA) *The Use of GIS in Landscape Analysis and Conservation Planning*
- 1:30 p.m.: Kristopher DeNardi (EPA) *The Use of GIS in Assessing Potential Environmental Impacts from Mining Activities*
- 2 p.m.: Jonathan Smith (USGS) *Land Use/Cover Change Modeling for Biological Carbon Sequestration Estimation*
- 3 p.m.: Angela Sakrison (Master Student, Environmental Studies) *Identifying Suitable Land in South Jersey for Inland Migration of Wetlands in Response to Sea Level Rise*



This spectacular "blue marble" image is the most detailed image of the entire Earth to date. Using a collection of satellite-based observations, scientists and visualizers stitched together months of observations of the land surface, oceans, sea ice, and clouds into a seamless mosaic of every square kilometer (.386 square mile) of our planet.

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Image by Reto Stockli

Recognizing Penn's Green Academic Offerings

The academic component that the University of Pennsylvania has included in its Climate Action Plan caught the attention of the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN) when that agency compiled its inaugural Global University Leaders Forum Charter report earlier this year.

Penn became a charter member of the Global University Leaders Forum (GULF) in 2010 when President Amy Gutmann signed the Sustainable Campus Charter (*Almanac* February 2, 2010), which commits signatories to excellence in building impacts, campus-wide target setting and an integrated sustainability approach to research, education and operations.

"How we address climate change today will affect countless generations to come," Dr. Gutmann said. "I am proud of the progress Penn has made through its Climate Action Plan and in the many sustainability initiatives we pursue on campus. Universities have a mission to be agents of the long-range thinking that builds a more sustainable future, and our actions large and small matter."

Penn is one of seven American universities in the 18-member Forum.

The ISCN-GULF charter report, issued in February, includes a summary of Penn's 2011 submission. The points recognized at Penn were:

- The Climate Action Plan Academics Goal of making climate change and sustainability part of the curriculum and educational experience available to all students and to the larger campus community.
- There are more than 160 sustainability-related courses, in departments ranging from Environmental Studies to Public Health.
- A Sustainability and Environmental Management minor was established in 2009 by the School of Arts & Sciences, the Wharton School and the School of Engineering & Applied Science for undergraduate students.
- More than 140 students are enrolled in all environmental majors and minors.
- The University publishes the *On CollegeGreen* e-newsletter.
- "Year of Water" was the 2011 academic theme year, sponsored by the Office of the Provost.
- Behavior change initiatives have been implemented, including the establishment of a new undergraduate program in energy research, expansion of the Eco-Reps programs for outreach and engagement and the development of the Penn Green Fund which finances cutting-edge sustainability projects.
- Sustainability coordinators have been hired by many schools and centers.

As an ISCN-GULF signatory, Penn is required to submit reports on its sustainability performance for transparency (*Almanac* February 7, 2012) and to encourage best-practice exchange with others that practice sustainability disclosure.

In 2009, Penn developed its Climate Action Plan as part of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Penn is currently the largest purchaser of wind power among US colleges and universities, requires all new campus buildings to be designed to a LEED Silver certification or higher and has increased engagement through a robust student and staff Eco-Reps program.

Additional information on Penn sustainability initiatives is at www.upenn.edu/sustainability

In the Beginning: First Earth Day . . .

Earth Day was first celebrated throughout the country on April 22, 1970 inspired by a speech by Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) in 1969. The Earth Day celebration in Philadelphia was planned and organized by a group led by Ian McHarg, Penn's late professor emeritus of landscape architecture and urban planning (Almanac March 20, 2001) whose seminal book, Design With Nature, introduced environmental concerns to landscape architecture. The department of landscape architecture and regional planning, which he founded and chaired at GSFA (now the School of Design) was the major focus for the celebration, which culminated in 30,000 people at Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park that spring day. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, April 20, 2000, the departments of city and regional planning, and landscape architecture and regional planning, in association with the Pennsylvania Planning Association, dedicated a commemorative bronze plaque citing Professor McHarg's accomplishments and recognized his extraordinary legacy as a leader in integrating environmental principles into modern planning practice. The plaque hangs in the Dean's Alley in Meyerson Hall.



Photo by Steve Goldblatt

Children gather around the Bender Oak tree at the Morris Arboretum. The Bender Oak, which is an estimated 250 years old, anchors the "top of the hill" and provides a dramatic gateway to the gardens at the University of Pennsylvania's Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill. It is native to eastern North America.

Family Day at the Morris Arboretum Arbor Day: April 28

On Saturday, April 28, the Morris Arboretum will host an Arbor Day Family Day from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Five stations set up throughout the Arboretum will give visitors the opportunity to be a designer, an architect or a botanist for a day; they can expand their knowledge of trees while participating in challenging and fun activities. Stations will include designing a tree house, learning to identify trees, writing the history of a tree's life, planning an urban treescape and observing arborists at work. This program, open to all visitors, also gives 6th, 7th and 8th grade Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn their "Tree" badge. This event is free with admission. See www.business-services.upenn.edu/arboretum for more information.