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Campaign for Community

The Penn community is large and diverse, demographically, socially and academically. This diversity is a great strength, creating the vibrant environment so essential to a great University. Yet recent national events that have divided communities call for our undivided attention and underscore the importance of our longstanding campus commitment to be a model of constructive conversations about difficult issues.

In an effort to meet this challenge, we are announcing a *Campaign for Community*, to come together and collectively address questions such as: Who are we? Who do we want to be? What do we share? How do we interact with one another? How do we value our differences? How can we best talk about those differences?

We call this a “campaign” to underline that it will be conducted across a significant amount of time and will require coordination and collaboration across many parts of our campus. Faculty, undergraduates, graduate students and staff will all have roles to play in these discussions. A Campaign for Community Steering Committee will include faculty, staff and students working collaboratively and in partnership with groups across campus. It will be jointly chaired by the Vice Provost for Education, the Vice Provost for University Life and the most recent past chair of the Faculty Senate.

The full Steering Committee will be assembled this spring and will begin planning a major campus event for the 2015-2016 academic year. It will also administer a program of grants for Campaign events, for which Penn faculty, students and staff can apply, either individually or in groups.

The inaugural event of the Campaign will be a Town Hall on the topic *Having Difficult Conversations in the Academy*, held on April 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Fitts Auditorium at the Law School. Dean John Jackson (School of Social Policy & Practice) will lead the discussion with Dean Michael Delli Carpini (Annenberg School for Communication), Dean Steven Fluharty (School of Arts & Sciences), Dean Pam Grossman (Graduate School of Education), Dean Wendell Pritchett (Law School) and Dean Antonia Villaruel (School of Nursing).

The Campaign may also spotlight ongoing programs and activities, such as the Academic Theme Year and Penn Reading Project, which are for 2015-2016 the *Year of Discovery* and *The Big Sea* by Langston Hughes. Published in 1940, *The Big Sea* is Hughes’ poetic memoir chronicling his self-realization as an African-American growing up in the Midwest and New York before traveling the world.

Through such activities, we hope to strengthen our community, finding ways to discuss and understand key issues that are too often avoided because they appear to be difficult or intractable. We invite you to join us in this Campaign.

—Vincent Price, Provost
—Claire Finkelstein, Senate Chair

\$16 Million NIH Award to Penn-led Group to Develop Synthetic DNA Vaccines to Fight HIV

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an institute of the NIH, has awarded \$16 million over the next five years for a collaborative study led by scientists from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. The goal of this award is to broaden advances with synthetic DNA vaccines already made by this team and to develop the next generation of more widely effective HIV vaccines.

There remains a pressing need for an effective HIV vaccine, and no current approach sufficiently induces effective antibody responses to block infection of diverse HIV viral strains, as well as T cell responses to clear HIV infection.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to push the technology envelope to develop this next generation vaccine for HIV,” noted the award’s principal investigator David Weiner, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Penn. “We are honored to work with this important team of outstanding academic, government and industry scientists. Together we are



David Weiner

well positioned to make an important contribution in this area.”

Dr. Weiner, a leader in DNA vaccine research for the last two decades, has assembled a group of scientists from Emory University, Duke University and the University of Massachusetts, as well as scientists from the NIH Vaccine Research Center and the DNA product development company Inovio Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The goal of this grant is to create a new collection of synthetic HIV antigens based on the DNA platform pioneered by Penn scientists. These antigens will be delivered in planned pre-clinical and clinical trials using Inovio’s delivery system, as well as in combination with an engineered protein to drive broader vaccine immunity. The new DNA vaccine will use a cutting-edge approach to enhance its potency by including encoded immune signals directly engineered into the vaccine.

The team proposes that this new vaccine will generate an enhanced spectrum of cellular and anti-HIV immune responses compared to current HIV vaccines. “Such an accomplishment would represent a major advance for the HIV vaccine field, as well as for the field of vaccines in general,” explained Dr. Weiner.

If successful, the new vaccine will undergo field trials through the NIH-sponsored HIV Vaccine Trials Network in a few years.

NEH Grant for Humanities Project

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Grant Frame, University of Pennsylvania associate professor of Near Eastern languages and civilizations, a two-year \$250,000 grant for his Royal Inscriptions of the Neo-Assyrian Period (RINAP) Project. The award brings to nearly \$950,000 the total NEH grants Dr. Frame has received for the RINAP Project since 2008.

As director and editor-in-chief, Dr. Frame leads a research team that is editing and translating all of the known royal inscriptions of the Neo-Assyrian Kings, including Sargon II and Sennacherib, who are mentioned in biblical and classical sources, in print volumes and online, in a fully searchable and indexed format.

“This project is preserving ancient history and making it accessible in printed volumes and online for scholars, students and interested individuals through-



Image courtesy of Vorderasiatisches Museum, VA

Esarhaddon and his tutelary deities carved on a stele (above) discovered at Zinçirli.

out the world,” Dr. Frame said. “I am extremely grateful for the NEH support and for the support we’ve received from Penn’s School of Arts & Sciences, the Penn Museum and the department of Near Eastern languages and civilizations.”

In addition to publishing the work in a series of seven volumes, the project data is being entered into an electronic format and fully integrated into online platforms, the Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative and the Open Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus. The RINAP website is at <http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/rinap/>

Dr. Frame, an expert on ancient Mesopotamian languages, history and culture in the first millennium BCE, is also associate curator of the Babylonian Section of the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

This round of NEH grants this fiscal year totals \$22.8 million for 232 humanities projects, including Dr. Frame’s award and summer research stipends to two SAS scholars, Michelle Pinto and Catriona MacLeod, who each received \$6,000 to support their research.

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SENATE From the Senate Office

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

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
205 College Hall, 3-5 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2015 (3 minutes)
2. Chair's Report (5 minutes)
3. Past-Chair's Report on Academic Planning and Budget & Capital Council (2 minutes)
4. Briefing on Campaign for Community (10 minutes)
5. Art and Culture at Penn (45 minutes)
Discussion with Karen Beckman, History of Art; Lynn Marsden-Atlass, Arthur Ross Gallery and University Curator; Amy Sadao, Institute of Contemporary Art; and Julian Siggers, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology.
6. Update from the Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives (30 minutes)
Discussion with Zeke Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives.
7. Continued Discussion of Faculty-Student Sexual Relations (15 minutes)
8. New Business (10 minutes)

OF RECORD

Salary Guidelines for 2015-2016

The University of Pennsylvania's merit increase program is designed to recognize and reward the valuable contributions of faculty and staff to the University's commitment to the highest levels of excellence in teaching, research and administration by paying market competitive salaries in a fiscally responsible manner. The merit increase pool for fiscal year 2016 is based on market trends and economic conditions. With this in mind, the following guidelines are recommended.

Faculty Increase Guidelines

Below are the standards for faculty increases that the deans are asked to follow. The deans will give the department chairs their own guidelines at the school level regarding available resources.

- The minimum academic salary for new assistant professors will be \$65,000.
- Merit increases for faculty should be based solely on performance as evidenced by scholarship, research, teaching and service to the University and the profession. As in previous years, there will be no cost of living increase for continuing faculty.
- The aggregated merit increase pool for faculty will be 3.0 percent. Some Schools and Centers may have financial constraints that can only support budget growth of less than 3.0 percent. Salary increase recommendations that are below 1.0 percent for non-meritorious performance, as contrasted with general limits applied to an entire class of faculty, must be made in consultation with the Provost. Likewise, salary increases that exceed 5.0 percent due to market conditions must also be made in consultation with the Provost. Deans may wish to give careful consideration to salary adjustments for faculty who have a strong performance record but whose salaries may have lagged behind the market.

Staff Increase Guidelines

Presented below are the merit increase guidelines for July 1, 2015.

- This year's aggregate salary increase pool is 3.0 percent with a range of zero to 5.0 percent. Merit increases should not exceed 5.0 percent. Any variation less than a 3.0 percent pool must be approved by the Provost and/or the EVP and will be communicated separately by the School or Center administration.
- Monthly, weekly and hourly paid staff members are eligible for a merit increase if they are regular full-time, regular part-time or limited service status employees, and were employed by the University on or before February 28, 2015. The following groups are not covered under these guidelines: student workers, interns, residents, occasional and temporary workers, staff on unpaid leave of absence, staff on long term disability and staff who are covered by collective bargaining agreements.
- The merit increase program is designed to recognize and reward performance. The foundation of this program is the Performance and Staff Development Plan. Salary increases should be based on performance contributions within the parameters of the merit increase budget. The performance appraisal system documents each employee's performance and contributions and establishes performance goals for the new fiscal year. All employees must receive a Performance and Staff Development Plan for the next review cycle whether or not they receive a merit increase. Schools and Centers are requested to submit performance appraisals by June 1, 2015. The Division of Human Resources' Staff and Labor Relations team is available to discuss performance management issues.
- Merit increases should average no more than 3.0 percent and may average less if a School or Center establishes a lower percentage merit pool based on financial considerations. The aggregated salary pool within a School or Center may not exceed 3.0 percent regardless of performance rating distributions. Performance expectations should be raised each year as employees grow in experience and job mastery. Performance ratings and raises should reflect a normal distribution for all employees. Employees with unacceptable performance are not eligible for a merit increase.
- The University's salary ranges have been increased effective April 1, 2015. All staff salaries must be at or above the minimum of their respective grades as of April 1, 2015.
- There will be no bonuses, in keeping with the elimination of discretionary bonuses announced in prior years.

The Division of Human Resources' Compensation office is available to discuss specific merit increase parameters with Schools and Centers. Staff and Labor Relations team members are available to discuss performance management issues.

—Amy Gutmann, *President*
—Vincent Price, *Provost*
—Craig Carnaroli, *Executive Vice President*

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

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Beth Winkelstein and John Wolfe, co-chairs, Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Senate Nominations 2015-2016

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

Chair-elect:

Laura Perna (Graduate School of Education/Higher Education)

Secretary-elect:

Marcella Devoto (PSOM/Pediatrics and Epidemiology)

At-large Members of the Senate Executive Committee to serve a three-year term beginning upon election:

Damon Centola (Annenberg School for Communication)

Karen Detlefsen (School of Arts & Sciences/Philosophy)

Karen Glanz (PSOM/Biostatistics & Epidemiology)

Kelly Jordan-Sciotto (School of Dental Medicine/Pathology)

Assistant Professor Members of the Senate Executive Committee to serve a two-year term beginning upon election:

Erol Akçay (School of Arts & Sciences/Biology)

Alison Buttenheim (School of Nursing)

Dan Singer (School of Arts & Sciences/Philosophy)

Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility to serve a three-year term beginning upon election:

Sue Ann Bidstrup-Allen (SEAS/CBE)

Vivian Gadsden (Graduate School of Education/Reading/Writing/Literacy)

Carolyn Marvin (Annenberg School for Communication)

Jon Merz (PSOM/Medical Ethics)

Diana Robertson (Wharton/Legal Studies and Business Ethics)

Senate Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty to serve a three-year term beginning upon election:

Andrew Postlewaite (School of Arts & Sciences/Economics)

2. Again in accord with the Senate Rules you are invited to submit additional nominations, which shall be accomplished via petitions containing at least 25 valid names and the signed approval of the candidate. All such petitions must be received no later than 14 days subsequent to the circulation of the nominees of the Nominating Committee. Petitions must be received by mail at the Faculty Senate, Box 12 College Hall/6303, or by hand at the Faculty Senate Office, 109 Duhring Wing, by 5 p.m., *Tuesday, April 22*.

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

Consultative Review Committee on the Reappointment of Denis F. Kinane as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine

Penn President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price have announced the formation of a Consultative Review Committee to advise them on the reappointment of Denis F. Kinane as Dean of Penn's School of Dental Medicine. Dean Kinane's initial term as Dean will end on June 30, 2016. University policy requires that a Consultative Review Committee be established to advise the President and the Provost whenever the reappointment of a Dean is contemplated. In addition, each member of the standing faculty of the Dean's School is given the opportunity to give confidential advice and views directly to the President and the Provost.

The members of the Consultative Review Committee are:

Chair

Joan Hendricks, The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean (SVM)

Faculty

Sunday Akintoye, associate professor of oral medicine (SDM)

Markus Blatz, professor and chair, preventative & restorative sciences (SDM)

Kathleen Boesze-Battaglia, professor of biochemistry (SDM)

Julie Fairman, Nightingale Professor of Nursing and chair, biobehavioral health sciences (SON)

Kelly Jordan-Sciutto, professor and chair, pathology (SDM)

Bekir Karabucak, associate professor and interim chair, endodontics (SDM)

M. Celeste Simon, scientific director, Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute and professor of cell & developmental biology (PSOM)

Students

Mark Guevarra, D'16

Fadi Raffoul, D'15

Alumni Representative

William Cheung, D'81, GD'82

Staff to the Committee

Adam P. Michaels, deputy chief of staff, Office of the President

The Review Committee welcomes and encourages input from all members of the Penn community. Communications may be directed to any member of the Committee but are most conveniently forwarded to Adam Michaels (adampm@upenn.edu), who is supporting the review process. Comments should be submitted no later than *April 30, 2015*.

ITMAT Proposals: April 16

The Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (ITMAT) and the Leonard Davis Institute (LDI) Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (CHIBE) invite 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 the website (<http://www.itmat.upenn.edu/membership.shtml>) for details.

The proposal must center on novel approaches to testing and delivering interventions for people at high risk for poor health outcomes. ITMAT and CHIBE are seeking pilot projects that utilize wireless technologies (e.g., wearable devices, wireless pill bottles, weight scales, etc.) with engagement strategies from fields like behavioral economics to translate ideas into practice in 'real world' settings. They are particularly interested in projects that utilize these technologies to help us better understand variability of response to therapeutics and susceptibility to disease.

Proposals must utilize the Way to Health platform. Way to Health is an integrated research platform that integrates information from wireless technologies, communications tools and other applications to allow investigators to test ways of improving health behaviors and helping people keep on track to better health.

The proposals are due by *April 16, 2015* for a proposal start date of June 1, 2015.

Visit <http://www.itmat.upenn.edu/funding.shtml> for detailed instructions.

University Club's Annual Meeting: May 7

Members of the University Club at Penn are invited to attend the Club's annual meeting on Thursday, May 7. The meeting will be held in the Club's Hourglass Room beginning at noon.

At the meeting, the University Club's Board of Governors will present membership with the Club's state of affairs and the slate of nominees for election to the Board.

For more information, including information on becoming a University Club member, please visit: <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/universityclub>

—Benjamin Wiggins, President, University Club Board of Governors

Deaths

Bill Bovino, Van Pelt Library

William ("Bill") Anthony Bovino, a former Penn librarian, died on March 27 in hospice care at Paoli Hospital. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Bovino was born in Providence, Rhode Island and graduated from Brown University in 1963, then taught Latin at St. Raphael's Academy in Providence. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Enterprise. He then attended graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and taught English as a second language.

Mr. Bovino began his library career at Brown University. He earned a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of California at Berkeley while working at the library of its School of Law.

In 1988, he became Romance languages cataloger at Penn's Van Pelt Library. When he retired in 2014, he was the head of the original cataloging department.

Mr. Bovino is survived by C. Daniel Elliott and by his cousins, Norma Gallagher, Richard and Elayne Guglielmetti, Ronald and Susan Improta, Robert and Ginny Improta, Valorie and Paul Hodgert, Joseph and Patricia Petrucci, Barbara and David Dumoulin and John Del Rossi.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Monks of Norcia Foundation, PO Box 3748,



Bill Bovino

Des Moines, IA 50323 (osbnorcia.org); the Blessed John Henry Newman Catholic Community, 6611 Ardleigh St., Philadelphia, PA 19119; St. Philip Church, 1970 Clearview Rd., Souderton, PA 18964; or Paoli Hospital Foundation, 255 West Lancaster Avenue, Paoli, PA 19301.

H. Samuel Greenawalt, Trustee

H. Samuel ("Sam") Greenawalt, former Penn Trustee and alumnus, W'51, died as a result of cardiac arrest on March 25. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Greenawalt, an Alumni Award of Merit recipient, served on the Board of Trustees during the 1970s and '80s and was a steward of the University's financial security for many years as a member of the Investment Board. He was also a long-time member of the Athletics Advisory Board, which went on to become the Athletics Board of Overseers. As a member of the Class of 1951's reunion and gift committees, a Penn Fund volunteer, an alumni leader at the Wharton School and a member of the Penn Alumni Council and the Midwest Regional Alumni Club, Mr. Greenawalt worked diligently to help other alumni remain an active part of the Penn family.

During his time as a finance student in the Wharton School, he participated in the Sigma Chi fraternity, lettered in squash and was a member of the celebrated "Munger Men" who played under legendary football coach George A. Munger. A former All-American center, he



Sam Greenawalt

served as a guest coach of the football team in the fall of 2008 and shared with the players his memories of playing on Penn's nationally ranked team before sold-out crowds at Franklin Field. The team had already planned to honor him on April 11 at its annual Spring Game, which it renamed the H. Samuel Greenawalt Spring Game in his honor for his many years of involvement.

After attending Penn, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin's Graduate School of Banking and went on to become an executive with Standard Federal Bank, a senior vice president of Michigan National Bank and the vice president of LaSalle Bank. He was also a director of Valley Commerce Bank and the throttle manufacturer Williams Controls.

He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired from its reserve unit after 22 years of service. He was a Trustee of the Detroit Country Day School and a director of the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His honors included the 2010 National Scholar-Athlete Award of the Detroit Country Day School and inclusion in the NCAA's 1976 Silver Anniversary Group, which recognized five distinguished former student-athletes on the 25th anniversary of their participation in college athletics.

Mr. Greenawalt is survived by his wife, Diane; his three children, Tami Derezotes, Sharon and H. Samuel; four grandchildren, Liani, Jaiya, Annika and Elaina; his sister, Ann Lowry and his brother, Jon, C'61, G'63.

Contributions may be made in Mr. Greenawalt's memory to the Martin Health Foundation, PO Box 9010, Stuart, FL 34995 or to the Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Honors & Other Things

The following faculty members were accorded emeritus status during the 2014–2015 academic year (unless otherwise noted).

Those marked with an asterisk (*) have elected not to use the emeritus title modifier. The year they joined the Penn faculty ranks is noted in parentheses.

*Mark Adams, Associate Professor of History & Sociology of Science, SAS ('73)

William Baxt, Professor Emeritus of Emergency Medicine, PSOM ('94)

Morris Birnbaum, Professor Emeritus of Medicine; Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism/PSOM ('94)

*J. Kent Blasie, Professor of Chemistry, SAS ('68)

Samuel Chacko, Professor Emeritus of Pathobiology, Veterinary Medicine ('65)

Albert Cheung, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Anesthesiology & Critical Care, Anesthesia/PSOM ('90)

Alvin Chin, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Pediatrics, PSOM ('84)

Beverly Coleman, Professor Emerita (C-E) of Radiology, PSOM ('75)

Clifford Deutschman, Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology & Critical Care, Anesthesia/PSOM ('93)

Guy Diamond, Associate Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Psychiatry, PSOM ('93)

Jonas Ellenberg, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, PSOM ('04)

Jay Farrell, Professor Emeritus of Pathobiology, Veterinary Medicine ('74)

Peter Felsburg, Professor Emeritus of Immunology, Clinical Studies–Philadelphia/Veterinary Medicine ('75)

Michael Fitts, Professor Emeritus of Law, Law ('85)

*Kenneth Foster, Professor of Bioengineering, SEAS ('77)

Fred Frankel, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology, PSOM ('63)

*Francine Frankel, Professor of Political Science, SAS ('65)

David Freiman, Associate Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Radiology, PSOM ('73)

Robert Fry, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Surgery, Surgery Administration/PSOM ('02)

David Gasser, Professor Emeritus of Genetics, PSOM ('70)

Michael Goldschmidt, Professor Emeritus of Pathobiology, Veterinary Medicine ('76)

*Joan Goodman, Professor of Education, GSE ('77)

Frank Goodman, Professor Emeritus of Law, Law ('73)

Jeanne Grisso, Professor Emerita (C-E) of Family Medicine & Community Health, PSOM ('08)

Steven Handler, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Otorhinolaryngology, PSOM ('77)

*Mark Haskins, Professor of Pathobiology, Veterinary Medicine ('74)

Stephen Hoch, Professor Emeritus of Marketing, Wharton ('95)

Richard Hodinka, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, PSOM ('89)

Howard Hurtig, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of

The 2015 Newly Retired Faculty

Neurology, PSOM ('75)

Elihu Katz, Professor Emeritus of Communication, Annenberg ('92)

Stephen Kobrin, Professor Emeritus of Management, Wharton ('87)

Robert Kotloff, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Medicine; Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care/PSOM ('87)

Shiriki Kumanyika, Professor Emerita of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, PSOM ('99)

*William Labov, Professor of Linguistics, SAS ('71)

William Lee, Associate Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology/PSOM ('89)

A Russell Localio, Associate Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, PSOM ('97)

Stephen Ludwig, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Pediatrics, PSOM ('74)

Benson Martin, Associate Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Sports Medicine, Clinical Studies–New Bolton Center/Veterinary Medicine ('80)

E. Ann Matter, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor Emerita of Religious Studies, SAS ('76)

Ann Mayer, Associate Professor Emerita of Legal Studies & Business Ethics, Wharton ('77)

Marshall Meyer, Professor Emeritus of Management, Wharton ('87)

Carolyn Mies, Associate Professor Emerita (C-E) of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, PSOM ('01)

Shakunthala Narasimhulu, Assistant Professor Emerita of Surgery, Surgery Administration/

PSOM ('60)

*Peter Petraitis, Professor of Biology, SAS ('81)

*Vicki Petropoulos, Associate Professor (C-E) of Preventive & Restorative Sciences, Dental Medicine ('94)

Georgette Phillips, Professor Emerita of Real Estate, Wharton ('92)

Richard Price, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, PSOM ('85)

José Regueiro, Associate Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages, SAS ('72)

Stephen Rubin, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PSOM ('93)

William Schlaepfer, Professor Emeritus of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, PSOM ('79)

Jitendra Singh, Professor Emeritus of Management, Wharton ('87)

Martin St. John Sutton, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine/PSOM ('93)

Margaret Stineman, Professor Emerita of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Medicine/PSOM ('87)

Leslie Sutton, Professor Emeritus (C-E) of Neurosurgery, PSOM ('77)

Nancy Tkacs, Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing, Biobehavioral and Health Sciences/Nursing ('93)

Lorraine Tulman, Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing, Biobehavioral and Health Sciences/Nursing ('84)

Jeffrey Weiser, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology, PSOM ('92)

University Research Foundation: Fall 2014 Research & Conference Support Awardees

In the Fall 2014 cycle of Penn's internally funded University Research Foundation, the Office of the Vice Provost for Research announced awards to the following members of the faculty for the projects listed below:

Long Ding, Perelman School of Medicine, neuroscience, *Dual-virus optogenetics in the monkey brain*

Ronald Harty, School of Veterinary Medicine, pathobiology, *Susceptibility of Canine and Feline Cells to Entry and Exit of Ebolavirus*

Frank Luca, School of Veterinary Medicine, animal biology, *A Zebrafish model for investigating Ndr kinase-dependent retina development*

Michael Farwell, Perelman School of Medicine, radiology, *Development of a New SPECT Agent for Seizure Focus Localization in Epilepsy*

Bruce Turetsky, Perelman School of Medicine, psychiatry, *Modulation of Gamma Oscillations to Remediate the Cognitive Deficits of Schizophrenia*

Ben Black, Perelman School of Medicine, biochemistry & biophysics, *Regulating Chromosome Inheritance at Cell Division*

Jeremy McInerney, School of Arts & Sciences, classical studies, *Vjosë River Valley Archaeological Project*

Peter Decherney, School of Arts & Sciences, English, *Documentary Film on Myanmar's Film Industry*

Joshua Mosley, School of Design, fine arts, *A stop-motion animated rehearsal of new music for the American Conservatory at Chateau*

Fontainebleau

David Kim, School of Arts & Sciences, history of art, *Lives Found In Translation*

*Karen M'Closkey & Keith VanDerSys, School of Design, landscape architecture, *Simulating Natures*

Amish Patel, School of Engineering & Applied Science, chemical & biomolecular engineering, *Kinetic Inhibition of Ice Nucleation by Anti-Freeze Proteins*

Doris Wagner, School of Arts & Sciences, biology, *Reprogramming of stem cell descendants by long distance signals for flower formation in Arabidopsis*

Amy Stornaiuolo, Graduate School of Education, reading, writing and literacy, *Designing Innovation Labs: Digital Literacies in interdisciplinary High School Markerspaces*

Grace Kao, School of Arts & Sciences, sociology, *Interracial Romance and Friendship in Adolescence and Adulthood*

Emily Hannum, School of Arts & Sciences, sociology, *The State and Ethnic Identity in China*

Eun-Ok Im, School of Nursing, family & community health, *A Web-based Physical Activity Promotion Program and Depressive Symptoms of Midlife Korean Americans*

*Conference Support

McCabe Fund Awards: May 15

The McCabe Fund Advisory Committee is calling for applications from junior faculty in the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) and the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) for the annual Thomas B. and Jeannette E. Laws McCabe Fund Fellow and Pilot awards.

The McCabe awards were established in 1969 by a generous gift from Thomas B. and Jeannette E. Laws McCabe to the Perelman School of Medicine. The purpose of this gift is to support junior faculty who initiate fresh and innovative biomedical and surgical research projects. Eligible faculty are those who have received either limited or no external research funding while in their first through third years on the faculty at the PSOM or the School of Veterinary Medicine at Penn.

Junior faculty in these schools should contact their department chair for information and application forms. The guidelines and instructions to determine eligibility are also available on the PSOM website at <http://www.med.upenn.edu/vdresearch/McCabeFundAwardProgram.shtml>

The deadline for submission is *Friday, May 15, 2015*. The McCabe Fund Advisory Committee will announce the winners at its annual meeting in June.

McCabe Fellows

Last year there were three winners of Fellow awards of \$40,000 each:

Foteini Mourkioti, orthopaedic surgery, PSOM;

Paige Porrett, surgery, PSOM;

Laura Su, medicine, PSOM.

There were 13 Pilot Award winners, who received \$25,737 each:

Montserrat Anguera, animal biology, SVM;

Laura Bamford, medicine, PSOM;

Roberto Bonasio, cell & developmental biology, PSOM;

Vinay Chandrasekhara, medicine, PSOM;

H. Isaac Chen, neurosurgery, PSOM;

Scott Damrauer, surgery, PSOM;

Steven Eliades, otorhinolaryngology, PSOM;

Michael Farwell, radiology, PSOM;

Amanda Hyre Anderson, biostatistics & epidemiology, PSOM;

Monica Mainigi, obstetrics & gynecology, PSOM;

Ilya Nasrallah, radiology, PSOM;

Michael Shashaty, medicine, PSOM;

Walter Witschey, radiology, PSOM.

Model Supervisor: Jules Spaeth

On March 24, *Jules Spaeth*, senior executive director of services, Perelman School of Medicine, Development and Alumni Relations, received this year's Model Supervisor Award at the Models of Excellence Award ceremony in Irvine Auditorium. Ms. Spaeth was selected from a field of outstanding nominees, including fellow finalist *Derek Hunsberger*, associate director, building administration, Residential Services, Business Services. Both of them were given symbols of appreciation and cash awards for their outstanding supervisory qualities, including fairness, strong leadership and exceptional managerial skills.

Penn Vet Winners of 2015 Student Inspiration Awards

Ashley Cherry, *Christiana Fischer*, *Jonathan Madara*, *Meghana Pendurthi* and *Katherine Very* received Penn Vet's prestigious Student Inspiration Awards for 2015. Winning projects include a partnership with Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences on model aquaponics systems, a media fellowship program and an immersion experience on international animal welfare and public policy.

Launched in 2008, the award is presented annually to Penn Vet students who demonstrate the potential to significantly advance the frontiers of veterinary medicine and expand the profession's impact on the wellbeing of animals and society. The award comes with funding from the Hill Foundation to bring each project to fruition.

"Penn Vet students are some of the best and brightest in the world," said Joan C. Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. "They impress me every year with their innovation and professionalism. Our 2015 Student Inspiration Award winners carry on this tradition of excellence, and I look forward to watching them bring their ideas to life for the benefit of society and the veterinary profession."

Ms. Cherry, a second-year student and native of Huntington, WV, and Ms. Pendurthi, a second-year student and native of Bethlehem, PA, received \$25,000 for their winning proposal, "The Penn Aquaponics Project." The funds will be used to develop a commercial aquaponics system at W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences in Roxborough, combining the farming of tilapia fish with hydroponics-based agriculture. The system will demonstrate a potential model for sustainable farming methods in urban spaces. Additionally, Ms. Cherry and Ms. Pendurthi plan to develop a course for Penn Vet students on fish health and production. This course will give students the opportunity to develop a skill set for careers in aquatic medicine and will allow Penn Vet students to engage with their local community.

"We are really excited to share our love of aquatics with both our Penn Vet community and the Greater Philadelphia community. Aquaponics systems are perfect for the city because they can be fit to a large variety of size and shape options," said Ms. Cherry.

"We hope this project will be the beginning of a larger movement to increase urban agriculture practices," said Ms. Pendurthi. "Aquaponics systems have the potential to provide fresh vegetables and lean protein to communities that otherwise may have limited access to healthy food options."

Mr. Madara, a 6th-year VMD-PhD student and native of Glen Mills, PA, received \$12,500 for his winning proposal, "VETS Media Fellowship." In conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, this program will provide select veterinary students with immersive media training to successfully communicate the important role veterinarians fulfill in society-at-large.

"Many people trust their veterinarians, but not many people realize how widely veterinary medicine impacts their daily lives and how

much expertise veterinarians can contribute to many diverse issues of public importance," said Mr. Madara. "The purpose of the 'Veterinary Experts Transmitting Science' media fellowship is to change that misperception."

Ms. Fischer, a second-year student and native of Howell, NJ, and Ms. Very, a second-year student and native of Murrysville, PA, received \$12,500 for their winning proposal, "International Animal Welfare and Public Policy." The funds will be used to establish an immersion experience for Penn Vet students at the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise (IZS) in Teramo, Italy. Students involved in the program will establish international veterinary connections and learn about animal welfare from a European perspective.

"Our trip to Italy will focus on animal welfare initiatives, since Italy is a great model for welfare practices," said Ms. Fischer. "The entire nation practices no-kill shelter medicine, meaning unwanted pets do not face death if they are brought to a shelter. Italy also has an excellent model for large animal welfare, especially animals entering the food chain."

The students' short-term goals are to study the differences in legislative policies in different European countries and to establish connections with Italian leaders in the veterinary and public health fields. The long-term goal is to create a sustainable partnership between Penn Vet and the IZS so that students involved in the program can become ambassadors for the advancement of animal welfare around the world.

"Christiana and I are thrilled and honored to receive this award for our international project," said Ms. Very. "One of our goals was to create a program that will live on long after we have graduated from Penn Vet. This award will be instrumental in ensuring that sustainability. We are very excited about the potential of this program to inspire Penn Vet students to become leaders and ambassadors in animal welfare, as well as the One Health initiative and legislative policymaking."

Previous Student Inspiration Award winners have used the prize money to create a Dairy Education Center in Thailand to empower women farmers and spark international collaboration; build a website and electronic medical record system to help veterinarians care for animals during disaster relief efforts and allow for tracking of animals throughout the process of rescue and recovery; inform the public and policy makers about wildlife trade using Google Earth to illustrate unreported issues and the devastating impact they have on wildlife, humans and ecosystems; and spark entrepreneurial activity in the veterinary industry through an innovation challenge.

Two 2012 award winners, Lisa Gretebeck and A. Nikki Wright, were recently named to *Forbes'* "30 Under 30" list for their ongoing Student Inspiration Award project providing sustainable animal husbandry training and resources to impoverished families living in rural Haiti (*Almanac* February 3, 2015).

For an update on other past winners, visit <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/publications/bellwether-magazine/bellwether-fall-2014/where-are-they-now>

2,768 Years Old and Counting: Penn Museum Marks Rome's Birthday with Gladiatorial Bouts, Tours, Talks and Demonstrations at a Day-Long Celebration: Saturday, April 18

Felix sit natalis die! Roughly translated, that is “happy birthday” in Latin—a great phrase to use at the royal celebration of Rome’s Birthday on Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the galleries at the Penn Museum. Guests will be treated to explosive gladiator fights and interactive legionary tactical demonstrations, mythology gallery tours in the *Worlds Intertwined: Etruscans, Greeks and Romans* suite of galleries, toga wrapping demonstrations and laurel wreath-making craft tables, short lectures and minute “pop up” presentations on ancient Roman history and life.

As legend has it, Rome was founded on April 21, 753 BCE on the banks of the Tiber River by Romulus and Remus, twin brothers abandoned after birth and raised by a she-wolf. When a fierce argument erupted between them, Romulus killed Remus and gave his own name to the tiny settlement that would grow into a great empire.

It’s all free for PennCard holders, Museum members, children under 6, active US military and with Museum admission donation: \$15 general admission; \$12 for seniors 65+; \$10 for full-time students with ID and children 6-17. Attendees are encouraged to get in the spirit of the day; those daring enough to wear a toga or gladiator attire will receive half-off the price of admission.

Gladiatorial Bouts and Military Tactics

No Roman celebration is quite complete without the ancient Roman army to keep order, and Legion XX Valeria Victrix from Maryland will join Legion XIII Gemina from New Jersey for a series of interactive presentations of Roman battle tactics that all ages can participate in starting at 11 a.m. The legions will instruct new recruits in creating a *testudo*, or tortoise formation, when Roman foot soldiers align their shields to create a packed and protective formation covered with shields on the front and top. In addition, guests of all ages will be invited to explore and even try on reproduction military regalia at a Roman arms and armor station.

Gladiators from *Ludus Magnus Gladiatores* (The Great School of the Gladiator) will vie to



Trying on reproduction military regalia at a Roman arms and armor station.

“win the crowd” with battles at 1 and again at 3 p.m. Sword-wielding fights will take place in the Museum’s outdoor courtyard (indoors in event of rain) with reenactors hailing from Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and as far as Maine. Visitors can see a roster of gladiators, dressed in a range of armor with weapons that match their fighting styles. In between risking life and limb, *Ludus Magnus Gladiatores* will demonstrate fighting techniques and tell the history of pitting and pairing gladiators in combat. Legion XXIV Media Atlantia from Pennsylvania will attend as arena guards and fight presenters.

New Discoveries About the Ancient Roman Empire

Guests interested in learning more about contemporary research on the ancient past can attend two lectures by leading scholars.

Justin Leidwanger, assistant professor in the department of classics and a faculty member at the Stanford Archaeology Center, will offer a 2 p.m. talk, *Between East and West at the End of Antiquity: The Late Roman ‘Church Wreck’ at Marzamemi, Sicily*.

At 3:30 p.m., Penn Museum’s C. Brian Rose, Ferry Curator-in-Charge of the Mediterranean Section, will take armchair archaeologists on a whirlwind tour with *New Discoveries in Ancient Rome*, a lecture sponsored by the America-Italy Society of Philadelphia.

Graduate students in the University of Pennsylvania’s art and archaeology in the Mediterranean World and classics departments will offer 60-second “pop up” presentations about Rome—guests can look for them to “pop up” in the *Worlds Intertwined* galleries throughout the day.

Tales from Greek and Roman mythology will be in the spotlight during family-friendly “Mediterranean Myths” gallery tours by Jennifer Reifsteck, public program manager at the Museum.

Party Pretty

For those who left their Roman togas at home, there will be opportunities to learn the fine art of proper toga dressing at a demonstration station. At a craft station, everyone can create a Roman-style laurel wreath headdress suitable for wearing.

The Museum’s Pepper Mill Café will get in the act with Italian-inspired luncheon options.

Exploring the Ancient Mediterranean World

Penn Museum’s suite of galleries, *Worlds Intertwined: Etruscans, Greeks and Romans*, features more than 1,400 ancient artifacts, including marble and bronze sculptures, jewelry, metalwork, mosaics, glass vessels, gold and sil-

ver coins and pottery of exceptional artistic and historical renown, all drawn from the Museum’s Mediterranean collections, dating from 3000 BCE to the 5th century CE. A large-scale interactive map of the region will help visitors visualize how these ancient civilizations overlapped and co-existed thousands of years ago.

Rome’s Birthday is the final program in the Penn Museum’s World Culture Days 2014-2015 lineup. The popular series is designed to introduce visitors of all ages to the rich cultural traditions found throughout the Museum’s galleries and, indeed, throughout the world.

Celebrate Rome’s Birthday at the Penn Museum on Saturday, April 18 with gladiator bouts, talks, togas, tours and more: <http://bit.ly/1HqAzvj>

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

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

Filing Taxes Online This Year? Take Steps to Protect Your Information!

Did you know that over 85% of individual tax returns are now filed electronically? E-filing offers enormous convenience—but it’s important to remember that it can also create privacy and security risks. Here are some steps you can take to help avoid the risks while taking advantage of the convenience.

To protect your personal information, use a different password for tax filing than you use to access other online accounts.

Don’t file your taxes using unsecured, public wi-fi networks such as those at hotels and coffee shops. The information you are transmitting could potentially be intercepted by fraudsters.

A major strategy for criminals during tax season is to contact individuals by email, pretending to be the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If users click on links in these “phishing” e-mails, malware is downloaded to their computers for purposes such as stealing passwords and Social Security numbers. Keep in mind that the IRS will never send you any electronic communications, including emails and text messages, that ask for personal information.

Cybercriminals often use stolen information—such as Social Security numbers, addresses and dates of birth—for identity theft, which can include filing fraudulent tax returns and collecting the refunds. If you believe you are the victim of tax-related identity theft contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at (800) 908-4490.

For more on how to protect your personal data visit www.upenn.edu/privacy and www.upenn.edu/computing/security/

This tip is based largely on a *USA Today* article that can be viewed at:

www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2014/03/22/filing-taxes-online/6655645/

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

Photos courtesy of the Penn Museum



Gladiators vie to “win the crowd” with battles in the Museum’s courtyard.

Update

April AT PENN

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Morris Arboretum

Prices & registration: www.morrisarboretum.org

8 *Session II: Kids Click! Portrait and Still Life Nature Photography*; ages 12-15; 4 p.m. Continues April 15, 22 & 29.

9 *Session I: Kids Click! Portrait and Still Life Nature Photography*; ages 8-11; 4 p.m. Also April 16, 23 & 30.

10 *All Around This World Music Series*; ages 2-4; 10:30 a.m. Continues April 17 & 24, May 1 & 8.

12 *Nature Sleuths*; ages 5-7; 2 p.m. Also April 19 & 26, May 3.

25 *Tree Time Theatre*; ages 5-10; 10:30 a.m. Also May 2, 9 & 16.

MUSIC

10 *Counterparts presents: Parts and Recreation*; premier co-ed jazz and pop a cappella group; 6 p.m.; Iron Gate Theatre; \$8/Locust Walk & \$10/at the door. Also April 11, 8:30 p.m. (Platt).

ON STAGE

9 *Stimtuitions presents CIRQUE*; performances of folktales from the Islamic community; 7 p.m.; Harold Prince Theatre, Annenberg Center; \$8 on Locust Walk or at the door. Also April 10, 7 p.m. & April 11, 1 p.m., 9 p.m. (Platt).

10 *West Philly Swingers presents: Super Swing Brothers*; super smash themed swing dance show; 8:30 p.m.; Iron Gate Theatre; \$8 on Locust Walk or at the door. Also April 11, 6 p.m. (Platt).

TALKS

10 *Procreation and Parental Responsibility: Re-thinking Child Support Enforcement*; Tommie Shelby, Harvard; 3 p.m.; rm. 402, Claudia Cohen Hall (Philosophy).

13 *Departing from the Beaten Path: International Education as Response to Barriers, Stress and Risk in the Chinese Educational System*; Natalie Young, sociology; noon; CSCC Conference Room, Fisher-Bennett Hall (Center for the Study of Contemporary China).

AT PENN Deadlines

The April AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the May AT PENN calendar is **Tuesday, April 14**. Information is on the sponsoring department's website. Sponsors are in parentheses. For locations call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu

Arboretum's Cherry Blossom Festival: April 11 & 18



This month, the Morris Arboretum will once again host its annual *Japanese Cherry Blossom Celebration* with events for children and adults that celebrate the art, culture and gardens inspired by the 35 varieties of cherry trees that grace the Arboretum with their blossoms each spring.

The Festival will take place on two Saturdays, *April 11 & 18*, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All events are free with garden admission.

The Kyo Daiko Drumming Crew (*left*) will perform from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Taiko drum-

ming has been practiced in Japan for hundreds of years. A combination of choreography and drumming, taiko drumming is physically demanding and visually compelling. Kyo Daiko, Philadelphia's only Japanese-style drumming crew, is a community-based group formed by collaboration between the Settlement Music School and the Shofuso Japanese House and Garden in Fairmount Park.

Penn Credit Card Program—Protecting Privacy: A Top Priority

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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 **March 23-29, 2015**. Also reported were 7 Crimes Against Property (4 thefts, 1 burglary, 1 DUI and 1 other offense). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v61/n29/creport.html Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of **March 23-29, 2015**. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

03/25/15	1:13 PM	3850 Spruce St	Threatening phone calls received
03/25/15	11:17 PM	255 S 38th St	Unwanted calls received
03/27/15	11:18 AM	3900 Walnut St	Complainant assaulted by unknown male
03/28/15	2:21 AM	200 S 40th St	Confidential sex offense
03/29/15	2:42 PM	3900 Walnut St	Complainant assaulted, money & prescriptions taken

18th District Report

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 7 incidents with 1 arrest (3 robberies, 2 aggravated assaults and 2 assaults) were reported between **March 23-29, 2015** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

03/23/15	8:42 PM	4600 Market St	Robbery/Arrest
03/24/15	12:44 PM	48th & Market Sts	Assault
03/25/15	12:00 PM	810 S 47th St	Robbery
03/27/15	11:18 AM	3900 Walnut St	Assault
03/28/15	6:41 PM	4827 Greenway Ave	Aggravated Assault
03/29/15	4:55 AM	4815 Locust St	Aggravated Assault
03/29/15	2:42 PM	3900 Walnut St	Robbery

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Three-Year Academic Calendar, 2015-2016 through 2017-2018

Fall	2015 Fall Term	2016 Fall Term	2017 Fall Term
Move-in for First-year & Transfer Students	August 20-21 (Thu-Fri)	August 24-25 (Wed-Thu)	August 23-24 (Wed-Thu)
New Student Orientation	August 21-25 (Fri-Tue)	August 25-29 (Thu-Mon)	August 24-28 (Thu-Mon)
Opening Exercises and Freshman Convocation	August 25 (Tue)	August 29 (Mon)	August 28 (Mon)
First Day of Classes	August 26 (Wed)	August 30 (Tue)	August 29 (Tue)
Labor Day (no classes) Monday	September 7	September 5	September 4
Course Selection Period ends Monday	September 14	September 19	September 18
Drop Period ends	October 2 (Fri)	October 10 (Mon)	October 9 (Mon)
Fall Term Break Thursday-Sunday	October 8-11	October 6-9	October 5-8
Classes Resume Monday	October 12	October 10	October 9
Family Weekend Friday-Sunday	October 23-25 (Yale)	October 14-16 (Columbia)	October 27-29 (Brown)
Advance Registration for Spring Term Monday-Sunday	October 26-November 8	October 31-November 13	October 30-November 12
Last Day to withdraw from a course Friday	November 6	November 11	November 10
Homecoming Saturday	November 7 (Princeton)	October 29 (Brown)	November 11 (Harvard)
Thur-Fri class schedule on Tue-Wed	November 24-25	November 22-23	November 21-22
Thanksgiving Break Thursday-Sunday	November 26-29	November 24-27	November 23-26
Classes Resume Monday	November 30	November 28	November 27
Last Day of Classes	December 8 (Tue)	December 12 (Mon)	December 11 (Mon)
Reading Days	December 9-10 (Wed-Thu)	December 13-14 (Tue-Wed)	December 12-13 (Tue-Wed)
Final Examinations	December 11-18 (Fri-Fri)	December 15-22 (Thu-Thu)	December 14-21 (Thu-Thu)
Fall Term ends	December 18 (Fri)	December 22 (Thu)	December 21 (Thu)
Spring	2016 Spring Term	2017 Spring Term	2018 Spring Term
First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday)	January 13 (Monday classes)	January 11 (Monday classes)	January 10 (Monday classes)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (no classes) Monday	January 18	January 16	January 15
Course Selection Period ends Monday	February 1	January 30	January 29
Drop Period ends Friday	February 19	February 17	February 16
Spring Term Break Saturday-Sunday	March 5-13	March 4-12	March 3-11
Classes Resume Monday	March 14	March 13	March 12
Advance Registration for Fall Term and Summer Sessions Monday-Sunday	March 21-April 3	March 20-April 2	March 19-April 1
Last Day to withdraw from a course Friday	March 25	March 24	March 23
Last Day of Classes Wednesday	April 27	April 26	April 25
Reading Days Thursday-Friday	April 28-April 29	April 27-April 28	April 26-27
Final Examinations Monday-Tuesday	May 2-10	May 1-9	April 30-May 8
Spring Term ends Tuesday	May 10	May 9	May 8
Alumni Day Saturday	May 14	May 13	May 12
Baccalaureate Sunday	May 15	May 14	May 13
Commencement Monday	May 16	May 15	May 14
Summer	2016 Summer Term	2017 Summer Term	2018 Summer Term
11-Week Session Classes begin Monday	May 23	May 22	May 21
Session I Classes begin Monday	May 23	May 22	May 21
Memorial Day Observed (no classes) Monday	May 30	May 29	May 28
Session I Classes end Wednesday	June 29	June 28	June 27
Session II Classes begin Thursday	June 30	June 29	June 28
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	July 4 (Mon)	July 4 (Tue)	July 4 (Wed)
Session II & 11-Week Session Classes end Friday	August 5	August 4	August 3

Notes:

Graduate and professional programs follow their own calendars with different registration/drop deadlines, which are typically available on the website of the school or program. The College of Liberal and Professional Studies may have different registration/drop deadlines. Please visit the LPS website, www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/ for more information. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover and Good Friday are religious holidays that affect large numbers of University community members and that fall during the academic year. To view the University's policy regarding these and other holidays, please visit <http://provost.upenn.edu/policies/pennbook/2013/02/13/policy-on-secular-and-religious-holidays>. The University's Three-Year Academic Calendar is subject to change. In the event that changes are made, the latest, most up-to-date version will be posted to *Almanac's* website, www.upenn.edu/almanac. To find out why these changes—"Thursday-Friday Class Schedule on Tuesday-Wednesday" and "First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday)"—have happened, please visit <http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar>.