The A. Leo Levin Award for Excellence in an Introductory Course

Jacques deLisle is the Stephen A. Cohen Professor of Law, a professor of political science and the codirector of the Center for Asian Law. He is an expert on contemporary Chinese law and politics, including issues such as legal reform, the international status of Taiwan and US-China relations. This year, he taught Torts and International Law.

One student said, “Professor deLisle is extremely knowledgeable about the subject and very enthusiastic about teaching it.” Another said, “Professor deLisle effectively clarifies and elucidates general principles of the law as well as nuances through very engaging class discussion. He presents interesting and humorous hypothisets, and his enthusiasm for the material is contagious.”

The Robert A. Gorman Award for Excellence in Teaching

Jean Galbraith is an assistant professor of law and a scholar of US foreign relations law and public international law. Her work focuses on the allocation of legal authority among US governmental actors and between domestic actors and international regimes. This year, she taught Contracts, Foreign Relations Law and International Legal Regimes.

One student said, “Professor Galbraith created a class that was intellectually stimulating and enlightening. She taught me how to think about subjects and interwove readings and materials.”

$4 Million for Penn to Continue Musculoskeletal Disorders Research

The Penn Center for Musculoskeletal Disorders in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania was awarded a five-year, $4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue its research on musculoskeletal injury and repair.

The Center conducts investigations in many areas of musculoskeletal biology and medicine: bones, muscles, tendons, ligaments, cartilage and discs. The funding will support research aimed at improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of conditions such as osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, low back pain and rotator cuff tears.

Penn is one of only five institutions nationally to receive funding for a Musculoskeletal Center and is already the longest running of these Centers nationally. The Penn Center began its NIH funding in 2006.

According to the NIH review panel, the Center features “a strong leadership team and well-organized administrative structure; state-of-the-art technologies and an exceptional education and enrichment program. Furthermore, the reviewers consider the overall environment and the institutional commitment to be outstanding.” Additionally, they cite the “high level of success in operation and productivity of the existing center over the past ten years.” They concluded that “this is an exceptional application with high impact to the field of musculoskeletal research.”

“We are grateful to the NIH and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel for this important funding,” said Louis J. Soslowsky, the Fairhill Professor in the department of orthopaedic surgery and founding director of Penn’s Center. “Whether through injury, work, sports or intrinsic bodily features, millions of Americans are affected by musculoskeletal disorders. The resulting pain and reduction in quality of life affect families, friends and co-workers, as well as the sufferers themselves. These trends will grow as the baby-boom generation ages and people live longer with chronic conditions. The Center brings together Penn’s globally recognized experts to expand our research and understanding of this debilitating affliction.”

Penn’s Musculoskeletal Center will provide funds for three cores of musculoskeletal research:

- Micro-computed Tomography Imaging Core, which offers a wide range of imaging approaches to evaluate musculoskeletal tissue injury and repair. (Micro-CT is akin to 3-D x-ray imaging on a small scale with extremely increased resolution.)
- Biomechanics Core, which develops and provides a large array of biomechanical approaches to evaluate musculoskeletal tissue injury and repair.
- Histology Core, which uses and develops a wide range of approaches for the microscopic study of the structure, composition and function of tissues and bones.

In addition to Dr. Soslowsky, other investigators participating in the grant include Maurizio Pacifici, Felix Wehrli, X. Sherry Liu, Robert L Mauck and Robert Pignolo. The Center has 128 faculty members, 112 from five Penn schools and 16 from local institutions.

“This new funding will allow the rich collaboration that have been occurring at the Center over its ten-year history to expand and flourish,” Dr. Soslowsky said. “We will continue to work diligently on behalf of the many millions of people worldwide with musculoskeletal disorders.”
Penn Trustees: June Meeting Coverage

When the University of Pennsylvania Trustees met June 16-17 they passed a memorial resolution for David M. Silfen (Almanac December 8, 2015), whose memorial was held after the meetings. They re-elected David L. Cohen as chair and Andrea Mitchell as vice chair for another year. They also elected the following trustees to be on the executive committee with Mr. Cohen and Ms. Mitchell: Lee Spelman Doty, Perry Golkin, James H. Greene, Amy Gutmann (ex officio), Janet Haas, Andrew R. Heyer, Robert M. Levy, Marc F. McMorris, Julie Beren Platt, Andrew S. Rachleff and Ann Reese.

The following were elected to serve on the investment board: Mr. Cohen (ex officio), Scott L. Bok, Judith Bollinger, Perry Golkin, Dr. Gutmann (ex officio), Robert S. Kapito, Mr. Levy (chair); Mr. McMorris and Mr. Rachleff (vice chair).

Marc Rowan was elected for a five-year term as a term trustee. A resolution of appreciation for Raymond Ch’ien was approved. Resolutions of appreciation for Gilbert F. Casellas and Mark O. Winkelman and designation as emeritus trustees for both of them was approved. A resolution of appreciation for Marilyn Jordan Taylor who had been PennDesign’s dean since 2008 was passed and then one to appoint Frederick Steiner as the school’s new dean was also approved.

President Amy Gutmann mentioned Penn’s 10th Presidential Professor (see page 1). Dr. Gutmann said that Alumni Weekend drew an unprecedented turnout of some 12,000 alumni and guests. She also expressed appreciation for Eric Furda’s leadership of Undergraduate Admissions, which had nearly 39,000 applicants for the Class of 2020, nine percent of whom were admitted.

In recognition of Afaf Meleis’s extraordinary leadership as dean of Penn Nursing from 2002-2014, she was designated dean emerita.

The Bylaws of PennPrax, established in 2001 as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 affiliate of PennDesign, were amended to keep pace with its expanded mission.

The School of Arts & Sciences will establish the ranks of lecturer in critical writing and senior lecturer in critical writing.

The trustees authorized the FY2017 operating budget of $2.990 billion for the University, the capital plan of $228.4 million as well as the health system’s budget and capital plan of $745.9 million. Other resolutions paved the way for a joint venture by Lancaster General Hospital, the C. Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, and the School of Arts & Sciences to establish the Parkinson’s Research Fund.

The trustees previewed Perry World House, a global center for Penn’s centerpieces for globally oriented gatherings.

Vernon and Shirley Hill: $1 Million Scholarship Fund for VMD-MBA Training at Penn Vet and Wharton

With a $1 million gift from Vernon and Shirley Hill, Penn Vet will establish the Robert Marshal-Vernon Hill Scholarship Fund. In collaboration with the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, the fund will support the training of leaders and entrepreneurs with the vision to advance both the science and business of food animal production in order to help ensure global food security.

The scholarships will support qualified individuals in the Penn Vet community who will pursue the combined VMD-MBA degree at Penn Vet’s Center for Animal Health and Productivity and Penn’s Wharton School. Marshall-Hill scholars will be required to develop projects that explore the applications of economic and business principles to the health and productivity of livestock industries.

Vernon Hill, a 1967 undergraduate alumnus of the Wharton School, and his wife, Shirley, are long-time supporters of Penn Vet. They have named the scholarship in honor of Dr. Robert Marshak, Penn Vet Dean from 1973 to 1987. Dr. Marshak’s passion for research and teaching in animal health and production has been instrumental in providing opportunities for Penn Vet students to impact world health and global food security.

“Dr. Marshak transformed veterinary medicine, and we are pleased to partner with him as Penn Vet and the Wharton School take the next big step,” said Mr. Hill. The Hills’ generosity to Penn Vet also includes a gift of $10 million in support of the Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion, a teaching and research center that opened in 2006, and the establishment of the Penn Vet World Awards in 2007, an innovative program that encouraged and rewarded visionary thinking and life-changing accomplishments in veterinary medicine.

“Vernon and Shirley Hill’s generous gift comes at a time when increasing numbers of veterinary students are expressing interest in how veterinarians can apply their special skills and knowledge to help address the inter-related problems of world hunger, poverty, and food security,” said Dr. Marshak. “It is our hope and expectation that the VMD-MBA combined-degree program, coupled with mentoring by superb faculty at the Center for Animal Health and Productivity at Penn Vet’s New Bolton Center, will inspire graduates to seek careers in food safety and security in the global landscape.”

The integrated training will emphasize innovative solutions to the complex business, health, environmental and societal challenges associated with intensive and small-scale livestock and poultry production in a global environment with a rapidly increasing demand for animal-sourced protein. Qualified individuals will benefit from the joint curriculum at two of the nation’s top educational institutions, where they will receive experience in veterinary medicine and business platforms on leadership, economics, finance, competitive strategy and marketing.

Those completing the multi-year program will obtain their veterinary and MBA degrees and a certificate in food animal production medicine.

Marshall-Hill graduates will have unique qualifications for leadership roles in food animal agribusiness, government, non-governmental organizations, public health, research and academia.

“At Penn Vet, we benefit from our close proximity to other renowned schools on the University of Pennsylvania campus,” said Joan C. Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. “We are incredibly grateful to Vernon and Shirley Hill for making this unique interchange of knowledge possible, and for helping us ensure that veterinarians have an important voice in issues of global significance.”

“The value of a Wharton education lies not just in the traditional foundations of business, but in how we apply those principles to other disciplines,” said Dean Geoffrey Garrett, Reliance Professor of Management & Private Enterprise and professor of management at the Wharton School. “These applications directly impact the critical issues that face our nation and world. With this gift, Vernon and Shirley Hill demonstrate their understanding of how Penn is uniquely suited to address these concerns.”

The combined VMD-MBA degree program at Penn Vet and the Wharton School was established in 2018. David Galligan, professor of animal health economics and director of the Center for Animal Health & Productivity at Penn Vet’s New Bolton Center, will oversee the updated program, and he will mentor the Marshall-Hill scholars.

Penn Vet’s Center for Animal Health & Productivity serves the agricultural community by developing innovative animal management tools and strategies for promoting economic efficiency and environmental sustainability.
John Andrews-Labenski, Psychology

John Andrews-Labenski, a retired electronics engineer and an instructor in Penn’s department of psychology for more than three decades, died on May 2 at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, Pennsylvania, from complications of surgery for lung cancer. He was 68 years old.

Dr. Andrews-Labenski was born in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. He graduated from State College Area High School, then went on to earn his BS in electronics engineering from Thomas Edison State College, his PhD in education from Madison University in 1995 and his MSED in culture & society from Penn’s Graduate School of Education in 2000.

Dr. Andrews-Labenski joined Penn’s department of psychology in 1982. He served as electronics engineer, designing and building equipment that facilitated scientific progress by researchers in several departments within the School of Arts & Sciences and the Perelman School of Medicine. For about 15 years, he also taught graduate students in these two schools in a well-regarded course, Electronics for Scientists, for which he converted a part of his shop into a technological learning environment. His skills extended from electronics to working in wood, plastic and metal, and the technologically up-to-date shop that he maintained was much used by students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, often under his guidance.

In 2012, Dr. Andrews-Labenski was accepted as a senior member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers. In 2013, he retired. He is survived by his wife, Beth Ann John-son; his brothers, James P. Labenski and Richard Labenski (Sue); his son, Ben Watson (Kim); and two granddaughters. Memorial contributions may be directed to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 26, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Qi He, Penn Graduate Student

The body of missing Penn graduate student Qi He was found in Washington on Sunday, July 2. Mr. He had been missing since June 5. He had been glissading down Aasgard Pass, a hiking area near Seattle, Washington, when he slid into a water fall hole. His body was found under snowpack in the Enchantment Wilderness.

He was 24 years old.

Mr. He, a Chinese citizen, was a student in the mission of computer information technology program in Penn’s School of Engineering & Applied Science. In 2014, he earned his BA in mathematics from Penn’s School of Arts & Sciences and his BS in economics and finance from the Wharton School.

Donations in his memory may be made at https://www.gofundme.com/qihefamily

George J. Merva, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

George J. Merva, CCC’S’55, a retired laboratory administrator of nearly 60 years in the department of pathology & laboratory medicine in Penn’s Perelman School of Medicine, died on March 11. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Merva was born in Morrisdale, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Marines toward the end of World War II; after the war ended, he was stationed at Philadelphia’s Navy Yard. He joined the Penn staff in 1953 while still in the reserves and finished his service as a second lieutenant. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Penn in 1955.

A polymath for the laboratories in the John Morgan Building, Mr. Merva served on the Penn Med staff for 58 years, assisting in research administration and the education of medical students. For many years, he put together the course guide for Pathology 101. Known to hundreds of medical students and many researchers and faculty, he was instrumental in creating the student course-evaluation forms (HAMSTER). Before the advent of computers, he collated all of the statistics by hand. He was a medical history buff: he was responsible for salvaging 19th-century wax anatomy models that are now part of the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians. He retired from Penn at age 84 on Veterans Day in 2011.

Mr. Merva is survived by six children, Mary Ellen Kenworthy, Nu’76, George J. Merva, Jr., Michael Merva, FA’82, GFA’88, Jean M. Bulmer, Nu’80, GNu’85, John R. Merva, W’85, and David Merva; three grandchildren, Beau, Claire and Grace Anne; and a brother, John Edward, “Ed.” Donations may be sent in his name to the Friends of Black Moshannon State Park, c/o Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation, 1845 Market Street, Suite 202, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Valerie A. Peña, Penn Libraries

Valerie Ann Peña, a retired staff member who spent her career of nearly 40 years within the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, died on June 1. She was 74 years old.

Ms. Peña was born in Philadelphia. She received her BA in Spanish in 1965 and her MA in Romance languages in 1973, both from Penn. She earned her MS in library science from Drexel in 1973. She joined Penn Libraries in 1971 and became a department head within the Vet School Library in 1973. In 1987, she became the chief medical librarian.

While at Penn, she served on the Almanac Advisory Board; the University Council; the Administrative Assembly, which she chaired; and the staff grievance panel. She was a member of the Library Diversity Team, which received a 2006 Models of Excellence Award (Almanac February 21, 2006). She retired in 2008.

She is survived by her daughter, Aleethea, who works in Penn Med, her partner, Kim Mollo; her companion, Patrick McCarney; and her former husband, Aniano (Cindy Creekmore).

www.upenn.edu/almanac
Kathryn Bowles: National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

Kathryn H. Bowles, the van Ameringen Professor in Nursing Excellence and professor of nursing in the department of biobehavioral health sciences at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR).

NACNR is the National Institute of Nursing Research’s principal advisory board. It provides recommendations on the direction and support of the research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice.

Dr. Bowles’s program of research examines decision-making supported by information technology to improve care for older adults. Her most recent study focuses on the development of decision support to determine the best site of care for those needing post-acute care.

Mary Naylor: AcademyHealth Distinguished Investigator

Mary D. Naylor, the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions & Health in the department of biobehavioral health sciences at Penn Nursing, is the recipient of the 2016 AcademyHealth Distinguished Investigator Award. She is only the second nurse to receive this award since its founding in 1985.

Dr. Naylor is the architect of the Transitional Care Model (TCM), designed to positively impact the care and outcomes of chronically ill older adults who are navigating fragmented systems of care. In collaboration with a multidisciplinary team of clinical scholars and health services researchers, she has tested the TCM and translated the evidence within health systems and communities throughout the US and across the globe.

Sparky Lok: Dean’s Distinguished Service Award

Sparky Lok, a professor of parasitology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the Penn Vet Dean’s Distinguished Service Award.

According to Joan Hendricks, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Penn Vet, “The fundamental criterion for the Dean’s Distinguished Service Award, which Sparky meets and exceeds, is that he has contributed beyond our ability to thank him throughout his long career at Penn Vet. He is a creative, committed and passionate researcher in important areas of global health. He has won every possible teaching award, especially notable because his research interest—parasitic worms—is difficult and not readily accessible—or cute. But more than anything, it is who he is. He is just plain one of the best humans ever. He has been on every important committee, working group or task force, including some he really hates—like the Committee on Academic Status of Students—and he excels at all of them.

“His impact is perhaps best captured by the response every student, faculty or staff member had when I told them he was getting this award—they said, emphatically, ‘I love Sparky!’” added Dean Hendricks.

Dr. Lok received his PhD in medical entomology from Cornell University in 1981 and did postdoctoral training in parasitology at Penn. In addition to his appointment at Penn Vet, he is an active member of the microbiology/virology/parasitology component of the cell & molecular biology graduate group at Penn.

Adriana Petryna: Wellcome Medal

Adriana Petryna, the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Term Professor of Anthropology, received the biennial Wellcome Medal from the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland for “a body of published work which makes, as a whole, a significant contribution to research in anthropology as applied to medical problems.”

Dr. Petryna specializes in the social and political dimensions of science and medicine in the United States and Eastern Europe, focusing particularly on the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and its impact on research and pharmaceutical globalization. She is the author of When Experiments Travel: Clinical Trials and the Global Search for Human Subjects and of Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl, which won the New Millennium Book Award from the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Sharon Stephens First Book Prize from the American Ethnological Society. She coedited When People Come First: Critical Studies in Global Health with Joao Bielh and Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices with Andrew Lakoff and Arthur Kleinman.

Gwyn Roberts and Tempesta di Mare: 2017 Pew Grant

Tempesta di Mare, a baroque orchestra founded and directed by Gwyn Roberts in Penn’s department of music, received a major grant from the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage for a 2017 project, Reclaiming Telemann. This award of $195,000 (plus a 20% administrative supplement) is Tempesta di Mare’s seventh Pew project support. It will fund the orchestra’s 11th CD for Chandos Records. It will also fund the Tempesta di Mare’s multidisciplinary week of events, planned for October 2017, exploring of the life, times and oeuvre of German baroque composer Georg Philipp Telemann.

Mr. Roberts is also the dean of Penn Early Music Ensembles in the School of Arts & Sciences at Penn.

OF RECORD

FY 2017 Postdoc Stipend Levels

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research, in consultation with the Provost Council on Research, is responsible for setting minimum stipend levels for postdoctoral trainees across the University. In recent years, the University has adopted the National Research Service Awards (NRSA) stipend scale: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-047.html

The NIH indicated that it will increase NRSA postdoctoral stipends to at least $47,476, effective December 1, 2016. As a result, the University, effective December 1, will also increase postdoctoral stipend levels to at least this amount.

Stipend levels both before and after December 1 are indicated below. Please note that these stipend levels represent minimums. Schools and departments may establish their own guidelines as long as stipend rates meet or exceed those established by the University. Penn investigators are also expected to comply with any postdoctoral stipend guidelines promulgated by their sponsors, if these sponsor-specified guidelines exceed the Penn minimum stipend levels.

Note: Stipends should be adjusted upwards at the time of the annual postdoctoral reappointment, at the time of the annual grant renewal or at the beginning of the NIH fiscal year.

FY2017 Required Minimum Stipend Levels

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Years of Experience</th>
<th>Scale effective 7/1/16-11/30/16</th>
<th>Scale effective 12/1/16-6/30/17</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00</td>
<td>$43,692</td>
<td>$47,476</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01</td>
<td>$45,444</td>
<td>$47,476</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02</td>
<td>$47,268</td>
<td>$47,476</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>03</td>
<td>$49,152</td>
<td>$49,152</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04</td>
<td>$51,120</td>
<td>$51,120</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

—Dawn Bonnell, Vice Provost for Research

CLASSIFIED—UNIVERSITY

Are films part of your syllabus? Penn Video Network schedules hundreds of titles per semester—from The African Queen to Zulu—to support Penn curricula. The PVN Movie Channel and Resident Select on-demand streaming service allow students to watch when it’s convenient for them, in their room or on their computing device (some licensing restrictions apply). Visit www.upenn.edu/video/to reserve your films today. It’s free!

Almanac is not responsible for contents of classified ad material.

For information, call (215) 898-5274 or visit www.upenn.edu/almanac/faq/
Honors & Other Things
(continued from page 4, before insert)

2016 Education Business Plan Competition Winners
The University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) and the Milken Family Foundation recently announced the winners of the sixth annual Milken-Penn GSE Education Business Plan Competition (EBPC). As the largest competition of its kind, the EBPC awards prizes in two categories: idea-stage companies that are just getting started, and ventures, which already have revenues, grants, customers or investments.

Venture Path Winners:
Milken Family Foundation Grand Prize ($40,000) and American Public University System Prize ($20,000):
Tassl LLC, of Philadelphia, an alumni engagement technology solution that helps universities and their alumni groups engage with graduates in more meaningful ways outside of donations.

ACT Prize ($20,000):
Pivot Interactive, SBC, of Afton, Minnesota, which develops interactive resources for science learning, including Direct Measurement Videos and Pivot Player.

Chancellor’s 360° creative Health and Education Prize ($10,000 each):
Communication APPtitude, of Towson, Maryland, an educational technology company filling a void in the literacy market by creating two unique, visual methods for teaching vocabulary and semantic skills.

OgStem Reading LLC, of Owings Mills, Maryland, an app that provides a self-correcting, multisensory reading game for dyslexic students, English language learners and those with limited language exposure using the Orton-Gillingham approach.

McGraw-Hill Education Prize ($20,000):
CasaVox, of Long Beach, California, which takes case study learning off the page and into a video-based, interactive collaboration space for all types of learners.

Voter’s Choice Prize ($1,000):
TalkingPoints, of San Francisco, a multi-lingual text messaging platform that educators use to communicate with families via text messages with automatic translation.

Idea Path Winners:
Milken Family Foundation Grand Prize ($10,000):
Torus Teens, of New York, a marketplace that connects teens with afterschool and summer programs so they can explore interests and develop skills outside of formal schooling.

Additional Idea Prizes ($2,000 each):
URead, of Rydal, Pennsylvania, a mobile app designed to help adults reading at the fourth-grade level equivalent and above improve their reading skills.

Toolbox for Teachers, of Philadelphia, a series of workshops and resources designed to promote educator resiliency and trauma sensitivity in urban and low-income schools.

Mindright, of Palo Alto, California, a mobile app and data platform service that helps youth overcome the impacts of trauma and empowers schools to meet students’ needs arising from trauma.

Kids Code of Charlottesville, Virginia, an interactive board game that teaches children to think like computer programmers and practice programming skills. Kids Code also won the Voter’s Choice Prize ($1,000).

in a way that clarified each one further.” Another said, “Professor Galbraith is excellent at really challenging students to think through their ideas, and pushing them to be able to provide a thorough explanation of their idea. This allows students to really engage with the material and realize its ambiguities and nuances. She is also hilarious, which helps.”

The Adjunct Teaching Award
Casey Cogut, L’73, is a lecturer in law and a member of the Penn Law Class of 1973. He is senior M&A counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. For many years, he has been a leader of STB’s M&A and private equity practices. This year, he taught Transactional Lawyering.

One student said, “Professor Cogut knows this stuff inside out. He provides interest context from his own practice and picks pretty interesting assignments.” Another said, “Casey definitely stimulates interest in the material as he has practiced in the M&A space for decades and has been a part of many huge deals.”

The LLM Teaching Award
Jill Fisch is the Perry Golkin Professor of Law and co-director of the Institute for Law & Economics. She is an internationally known scholar whose work focuses on the intersection of business and law, including the role of regulation and litigation in addressing limitations in the disciplinary power of the capital markets. This year, she taught Corporations, the Strategic Equity Seminar and the Global Research Seminar on Comparative Corporate Governance & Financial Regulation.

One student said, “Professor Fisch is very good at stimulating interests in this subject. She asks sharp questions and gives inspiring answers. It also a great experience to learn from other students’ answers and questions.” Another said, “Fisch is incredibly brilliant that you hang onto her every word. I loved this class so much. It was incredibly challenging and there was so much material, but I definitely got my money’s worth.”

The Harvey Levin Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence
By democratic vote, the Penn Law 2016 graduating class selected David Rudovsky, senior fellow, to receive this award for Teaching Excellence. Mr. Rudovsky is one of the nation’s leading civil rights and criminal defense attorneys and practices public interest law with the firm of Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing & Feinberg. This year, he taught Evidence and Constitutional Criminal Procedure.

One student said, “An expert in every sense—it is hard not to appreciate Professor Rudovsky’s commitment to the course.” Another said, “Professor Rudovsky is just great. He’s friendly, accessible outside of class, willing to talk about life, the law, and new lawyers’ places in an evolving legal world.”

2016 Penn Law Teaching Awards (continued from page 1)

Penn Alexander School Principal: Michael Farrell

The School District of Philadelphia announced the appointment of Michael T. Farrell as principal of Penn Alexander School. Mr. Farrell will take over the position that had been held by founding principal Sheila A. Sydnor, who retired at the end of the school year. Ms. Sydnor will assist in the transition process.

“Penn Alexander School is one of the brightest spots in The School District of Philadelphia as a result of Sheila Sydnor’s stellar leadership,” said William R. Hite, superintendent. “For more than four decades, she has led Philadelphia students towards excellence, both inside and outside of the classroom. We are excited that Michael Farrell will build on the school’s tradition of success and wish Ms. Sydnor well in retirement.”

Mr. Farrell was selected by Superintendent Dr. Hite in consultation with a committee of teachers; School Advisory Council, Home and School, and Philadelphia Federation of Teachers representatives; and University of Pennsylvania and School District officials. The selection process took place over three months. Candidates participated in rigorous interviews, data and observation feedback exercises and school site visits. The committee provided information and feedback throughout the process.

Mr. Farrell is the founding principal of Mastery Charter Schools Thomas Elementary in South Philadelphia, where he has served since 2013. He was previously an assistant principal, school leader, special education coordinator and teacher at various Philadelphia, including Science Leadership Academy.

In 1975, Ms. Sydnor began her career as a teacher in the School District. She was selected from a national search in 2001 to lead Penn Alexander, formally known as the Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander University of Pennsylvania Partnership School (Almanac October 15, 2002). Ms. Sydnor previously served as principal of M.H. Stanton Elementary School in North Philadelphia.

Penn Alexander was nominated this year as a US Blue Ribbon School by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for its success in closing the achievement gap. The school was also a City Leader among kindergarten through eighth grade schools on the 2014-2015 School Progress Report.
**José Bauermeister: Presidential Professor**

(continued from page 1)

“José Bauermeister is not only a deeply innovative and influential researcher,” said Provost Price. “He is also renowned as a caring and committed teacher, mentor and colleague. We look forward to the great impact that he is sure to have on the Penn community in the years ahead.”

Dr. Bauermeister earned a PhD (2006) and MPH (2004) in health behavior & health education from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan and a BA magna cum laude in psychology (2002) from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. From 2007-2008, he was the NIH Postdoctoral Fellow of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at the Columbia University Medical Center.

“José Bauermeister is an accomplished researcher, teacher and community advocate,” said Antonia Villarruel, the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Penn’s School of Nursing. “I have witnessed his dedication to ensuring that the most vulnerable groups have access to prevention and treatment to reduce HIV infection, improve care and decrease stigma, as well as his inclusive partnerships with students and communities. We are so fortunate José will be coming to Penn and Penn Nursing, where he will join a community of scholars who share his interests and commitment.”

Presidential Professors, originating in the Action Plan for Faculty Diversity & Excellence first issued in 2011, are awarded to exceptional scholars, at any rank, who contribute to faculty eminence through diversity across the University.

**Penn Libraries’ New MOOC:**

“The History of Medieval Medicine through Jewish Manuscripts”

The Penn Libraries is proud to announce the launch of the first Massive Open Online Course Collaboration (MOOC) from the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies and the Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries: “The History of Medieval Medicine through Jewish Manuscripts.”

Launched on June 1, this online mini-course is a introduction both to medieval medicine and to the value of manuscript study taught by Y. Tzvi Langermann, professor of Arabic at Israel’s Bar-Ilan University and last year’s Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies-Herbert D. Katz Center Jewish Manuscript Studies Fellow (Almanac July 14, 2015). Dr. Langermann presents a case study that builds from a unique manuscript cased produced in the 13th century containing three important medical manuscripts in Judeo-Arabic (Arabic in Hebrew characters). Compiled in Sicily by a physician identified as David ben Shalom, the manuscript bears witness to the rich cultural exchanges among Latin, Jewish and Arabic communities during this time, especially in the sciences. This course, walks the student through the basics of medical knowledge training and practice in the Jewish Middle Ages and beyond, and shows how clues gleaned from elements of a particular manuscript (such as marginal notes, mistakes and handwriting) shed light on the purpose, use and ownership of these texts. The course includes eight 5-7 minute long video lectures that explore the highlights of this extraordinary manuscript.

“The History of Medieval Medicine through Jewish Manuscripts” is offered free to anyone with an internet connection at www.edX.org (search the term “Langermann”). The course is self-paced and takes about two hours to complete. The content will not be inaccessible to the novice, but the nature of the material and the level of scholarship should interest graduate students and colleagues from a range of disciplines. There is an active discussion forum and a link to the full manuscript in digital form. The course will initially be monitored by a TA with specialties in medieval Jewish history and Hebrew and Judeo Arabic language. Dr. Langermann himself will also occasionally participate in the discussions and respond to student queries.

**Mobile CPR Project: Bringing Life-Saving Skills to Philadelphia Residents**

Three years ago, Radnor Township Police Officer Anthony Radico, at 46 years of age, was just finishing a routine workout at a gym in Upper Darby when suddenly, he went into cardiac arrest. His sister, who was at the gym with him, ran for help. Luckily for Mr. Radico, Amanda Beal was also at the gym that day. Upon seeing that Mr. Radico was unresponsive and had no pulse, Ms. Beal, who had learned cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) just one year prior as part of a master’s program in occupation therapy but had never used the technique in a real life scenario, began administering chest compressions. Ms. Beal continued CPR until paramedics arrived. Before being resuscitated with an automated external defibrillator (AED), Mr. Radico was “down” for 7-8 minutes—a certain death sentence had Ms. Beal not been there to help. Today, Mr. Radico, a father of three, is back to work on the police force.

Cardiac arrest kills more than 1,000 Philadelphia residents every year, yet there is a therapy that people can learn that can double a victim’s chance of survival. CPR can be done by anyone, yet the percentage of people who receive bystander CPR in Philadelphia is half the national average.

To tackle the issue and help overcome this health disparity, experts from Penn Medicine’s Center for Resuscitation Science and department of emergency medicine officially launched Philadelphia’s Mobile CPR Project, a public health initiative that aims to educate as many Philadelphia residents as possible in hands-only CPR, free of charge using an innovative video learning approach that takes less than 30 minutes per training. Funded by Independence Blue Cross, project organizers will host training sessions in at community centers, shelters, schools, religious organizations and community health fairs. Certified health care providers will travel to a training sessions in the Mobile CPR van, bringing all of the necessary presentation materials, and providing CPR Anytime® kits that participants can bring home with them to show their families or use to practice their skills. The overall goal of the initiative is to bring vital, life-saving training and treatment to reduce HIV infection, improve care and decrease stigma, as well as his inclusive partnerships with students and communities.

**OF RECORD**

Policy on Unused PennNet Wallplates

The Network Policy Committee, IT Roundtable and the Vice President for ISC announce the new Unused PennNet Wallplates Policy. This policy was approved on May 20, 2016. This policy describes the circumstances under which PennNet wallplates (jacks) may be considered unused and the process by which they can be disabled and deactivated in an effort to reduce customer costs, improve accuracy of billing and improve the security of PennNet in a programmatic way. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that customers are billed only for used PennNet wallplates that they are using while ensuring the best use of capital assets such as switches and router interfaces that are necessary to support active wallplates.

The Network Policy Committee’s charge and policy approval process are at http://www.upenn.edu/computing/group/npc/ Faculty and staff may wish to contact their Local Support Provider (https://www.isc.upenn.edu/get-it-help) if they have concerns about specific wallplates that may be affected by this policy. For other questions related to this policy, contact the Network Policy Committee at network-policy@isc.upenn.edu

The text of the policy can be found online at http://www.upenn.edu/computing/group/npc/approved/20140920-unusedwallplate.html

---

**Beefsteak at Penn**

On June 7, the Division of Business Services, Penn Dining and Bon Appé-tit celebrated the grand opening of Beefsteak in the lower level of Houston Hall. The new veggie-centric restaurant concept from renowned chef José Andrés features fast, healthy and casual cuisine that allows customers to choose from a variety of fresh-picked vegetables, grains, house-made sauces and protein add-ons. This the first Beefsteak location in Philadelphia.
Penn Children’s Center: FY 2017 Tuition Rates

The Penn Children’s Center, located on the University of Pennsylvania’s campus, offers child care for children ages three months to five years. Accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Children’s Center is open to all members of the University and surrounding communities with preference given to faculty, staff and students of the University.

The Children’s Center accepts applications year round and enrollment is subject to availability. Assisted rates are available to University faculty and staff who meet eligibility requirements, subject to space availability and funding. Part-time slots and sibling discounts are also available. Below is the FY 2017 tuition rate schedule:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Penn Children’s Center</th>
<th>Penn Regular</th>
<th>Assisted A</th>
<th>Assisted B</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Infants</td>
<td>$441</td>
<td>$507</td>
<td>$264</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Days</td>
<td>$394</td>
<td>$453</td>
<td>$236</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Days</td>
<td>$330</td>
<td>$380</td>
<td>$198</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Days</td>
<td>$232</td>
<td>$266</td>
<td>$139</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toddlers</td>
<td>$410</td>
<td>$472</td>
<td>$246</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Days</td>
<td>$360</td>
<td>$414</td>
<td>$216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Days</td>
<td>$299</td>
<td>$344</td>
<td>$179</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Days</td>
<td>$208</td>
<td>$239</td>
<td>$125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$324</td>
<td>$380</td>
<td>$195</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Days</td>
<td>$284</td>
<td>$333</td>
<td>$170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Days</td>
<td>$247</td>
<td>$290</td>
<td>$148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Days</td>
<td>$179</td>
<td>$209</td>
<td>$107</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drop In</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infants</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toddlers</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$80</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Weekly tuition fees are in effect from July 4, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The Penn Rate is available to Penn faculty, staff, students and UPHS employees. Assisted A Rates are for University faculty and staff with combined family annual income below $55,000. Assisted B rates are for University faculty and staff with combined family annual income below $65,000.

Please contact the Penn Children’s Center at (215) 898-5268 for additional information or to arrange a tour, or visit the Center’s website at www.upenn.edu/childcare

Adult Tennis Camp: July 18-21

In addition to the multitude of summer programs highlighted in the Summer AT PENN Calendar, an Adult Tennis Camp will be held at the Penn Tennis Center from July 18-21. The camp is open to all levels and will highlight drills, stroke development and singles/doubles point play. Register for the Adult Tennis Camp by calling (215) 898-4741.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department
Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons or Crimes Against Society from the campus crime report for June 27-July 3, 2016. Also reported were 8 Crimes Against Property (5 thefts, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 other offense and 1 traffic violation). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/vol-umes/v63m01/reports.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 June 27-July 3, 2016. 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.

18th District Report

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 10 incidents with 2 arrests (3 domestic assaults, 2 assaults, 2 robberies, 1 aggravated assault, 1 purse snatch and 1 rape) were reported between June 27-July 3, 2016 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

The University of Pennsylvania values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. The University of Pennsylvania does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability, veteran status or any other legally protected class status in the administration of its admissions, financial aid, educational or athletic programs, or other University-administered programs or in its employment practices. Questions or complaints regarding this policy should be directed to Sam Starks, Executive Director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Programs, Sansom Place East, 3600 Chestnut Street, Suite 230, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6106; or (215) 898-6993 (Voice).

Arboriculture: "Penn + 1" in August

Penn faculty, staff and students with a valid PennCard are invited to bring one guest for free admission to Morris Arboretum throughout the month of August. That’s a $17 value. This value is extended to receiving a 10% member discount in the Shop and at Compton Café. The Arboretum is open daily: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This offer includes Late Night Wednesdays until 8 p.m.—picknicking is allowed on Wednesday nights.

Visit www.morrisarboretum.org to learn more about these and other summertime events.

PHOS Hosts Summer Sessions

Penn Home Ownership Services (PHOS) has announced two informative sessions for this summer.

“Purchasing a Home through PHOS” will be held on Wednesday, July 13 and will be joined by lending partners at the event. On August 3 anyone who is thinking about buying a home for the first time should plan to attend “First Time Home Buyers 101.” Wells Fargo will be present at the workshop to answer questions from the audience.

PHOS programs are open to faculty and staff of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) and its affiliates. Both events, 12:30-1:30 p.m., will be held at Learning and Development, 3624 Market Street, Suite 1A South.

Visit www.upenn.edu/homeownership Advance registration for these popular events is required.

Penn Hotel Rates

The Hilton Inn at Penn and Sheraton Philadelphia University City hotels would like to thank the University community for its patronage over the last year. This year’s Special Penn Rates (available for rooms booked using a Penn Budget Code) are as follows:

- Hilton Inn at Penn: $257/night
- Sheraton Philadelphia University City: $194/night

Visit the Inn at Penn (www.theinnatpenn.com) and the Sheraton (www.philadelphiasheraton.com) websites to learn more about these properties and the amenities offered to their guests.

Almanac

The University of Pennsylvania’s journal of record, opinion and news is published Tuesdays during the academic year, and as needed during summer and holiday breaks. Its electronic editions on the Internet (accessible through the Penn website) include HTML, Acrobat and mobile versions of the print edition, and internal information may be posted in electronic-only form. Guidelines for readers and contributors are available on request and online.

EDITOR: Marguerite F. Miller
ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Rachel Ward Sepelli
ASSISTANT EDITOR: Victoria Fiorro

ALMANAC ADVISORY BOARD: For the Faculty Senate: Martin Pring (chair), Sunday Akinloye, Christine Bradway, Al Filintzis, Cay Mazzer, Guobin Yang, Kathleen Hall, Beth Linker, Melissa Wilde. For the Administration: Stephen MacCarthy. For the Staff Assemblies: Nancy McCue, PPSA; Iyana Blackwell, WPPSA; Rachelle R. Nelson, Librarians Assembly.

The University of Pennsylvania values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. The University of Pennsylvania does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability, veteran status or any other legally protected class status in the administration of its admissions, financial aid, educational or athletic programs, or other University-administered programs or in its employment practices. Questions or complaints regarding this policy should be directed to Sam Starks, Executive Director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Programs, Sansom Place East, 3600 Chestnut Street, Suite 230, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6106; or (215) 898-6993 (Voice).
A total of 18 American Presidents have visited the University of Pennsylvania’s campus sometime in their lives; some of them have given commencement addresses.
Several First Ladies and Vice Presidents have also visited campus as commencement speaker.

For more information on Presidential visits to Penn’s campus, visit the University Archives
http://www.archives.upenn.edu/histy/features/alum/99_1.html

The upcoming Democratic National Convention (DNC), which will be held this July 25-28 at the Wells Fargo Center, will be the third time the convention is held in Philadelphia. The first time the DNC came to Philadelphia was in 1936 and the convention resulted in the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, who gave his acceptance speech on Penn’s campus at Franklin Field.
President Roosevelt returned to campus for the University of Pennsylvania Bicentennial Celebration on September 20, 1940 and received an honorary degree.
The Republican National Convention (RNC) has been held six times in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1856, 1872, 1900, 1940, 1948 and 2000).

United States Presidents, Vice Presidents and First Ladies
Who Have Given Commencement Addresses at Penn

Former President Ronald Reagan delivered the first of three Plenary Session addresses at the University’s 250th Anniversary celebration in May 1990; he was accompanied by his wife, Nancy Reagan. See Almanac May 29, 1990.

Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States, gave the 219th Commencement Address on May 18, 1975.

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, gave the 242nd Commencement Address on May 18, 1998. See Almanac May 19/26, 1998.

Barbara Bush, the then First Lady of the United States, gave Penn’s 234th Commencement Address on May 14, 1990.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, the then First Lady of the United States, gave the 237th Commencement Address on May 17, 1993. See Almanac May 18, 1993.

On February 14, 1996, Vice President Al Gore gave a speech at Penn’s celebration of ENIAC’s 50th anniversary and received Penn’s Medal for Distinguished Achievement. See Almanac February 20, 1996.

Hubert H. Humphrey, the 38th Vice President of the United States, gave the 221st Commencement Address on May 22, 1977.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the 47th Vice President of the United States, gave the 257th Commencement Address on May 13, 2013. See Almanac May 21, 2013.