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## Penn Medicine Blood Center to Unify Patient Care, Research and Public Education for Blood Disorders

Penn Medicine has established the Philadelphia region's first dedicated center for the treatment and research of blood diseases by combining the expertise of physicians who specialize in the care of blood disorder patients of all ages along with basic science and clinical researchers who are working to advance treatments for these illnesses. The Penn-CHOP Blood Center for Patient Care and Discovery brings together a multi-disciplinary team of experts to provide cutting-edge patient care and research for diseases including sickle cell disease, thalassemia, bone marrow failure and bleeding and clotting disorders.

The effort will include Perelman School of Medicine hematology faculty from both Penn Medicine and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who will work closely with pathology, laboratory and transfusion medicine physicians and scientists, pharmacologists, investigators in Penn's Abramson Cancer Center, the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics and the Penn Cardiovascular Institute, among others.

Blood disorders afflict millions of people in the United States. Many of these illnesses, such as hemophilia, are rare, leaving scarce resources for research to improve care for patients who



Charles Abrams

research collaborations to spur the next generation of treatments for these patients, and provide more avenues to recruit and train new experts in the field.

"Care for blood disorders spans many different areas of medicine, but patients with these illness are often not able to access or coordinate the range of specialists needed to best manage their care," said Dr. Charles Abrams, professor and associate chief of hematology-oncology, who will serve as director of the new Blood

Center. "Penn Medicine's expertise in both clinical care and research for hematologic conditions provides us with a solid foundation to enhance options for patients. We hope to serve as a center for research and discovery and as an incubator for the most promising new approaches to preventing, diagnosing and treating these illnesses."

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"A number of chronic hematologic disorders first become apparent at birth or during childhood and have traditionally been managed by pediatric hematologists," said Dr. Adam Cuker, an assistant professor of hematology-oncology and pathology and laboratory medicine, who will assume the role of associate director of clinical research of the Blood Center. "As care for these conditions has improved, patients are living well into adulthood. A major priority for the center is to foster cooperation between pediatric and adult hematologists at CHOP and Penn and to provide a seamless transition of care for our patients."

Patients seeking an appointment with the Blood Center can obtain more information at [www.pennmedicine.org/blood-disorders-center](http://www.pennmedicine.org/blood-disorders-center)

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## Two Assistant Professors to SAS Chairs

Dr. Projit Mukharji of the department of history and sociology of science has been named the Martin Meyerson Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies in the School of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Mukharji's research focuses on postcolonial technoscience, colonial medicine, indigenous medical traditions and subaltern science. He has a special interest in the intersection of Western medicine and indigenous healing traditions in South Asia.

He is the author of *Nationalizing the Body: The Medical Market, Print and Dakтари Medicine*, and the co-editor of *Medical Marginality in South Asia: Situating Subaltern Therapeutics (Intersections: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories)* and *Crossing Colonial Histories: Histories of Colonial and Indigenous Medicines in Transnational Perspective*. He has also contributed book chapters and journal articles to publications including *South Asian History and Culture*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review* and *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

Dr. Mukharji teaches courses in the department of history and sociology of science and the department of religious studies. He earned his



Projit Mukharji

PhD from the University of London.

This chair was endowed by Margy Ellin Meyerson, G'93, the widow of Penn President Emeritus Martin Meyerson, HON'70. Mr. Meyerson was a distinguished teacher, administrator and urban planner who served as University president from 1970-81. The chair is specifically designated for an outstanding faculty member whose pursuits exemplify the integration of knowledge.

Dr. Joseph Kable has been named the Baird Term Assistant Professor of Psychology in the School of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Kable's research focuses on psychological and neural mechanisms of choice behavior to understand how people make decisions. Other research interests include behavioral and cognitive neuroscience, decision processes and individual differences and behavior genetics.

He is the author of multiple articles in publications including the *Journal of Neuroscience*; *Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology and Economics*; *Neuron*; and *Journal of Neurophysiology*. Dr. Kable served on the department of psychology's chair's advisory committee in 2009 and 2010 and has been a representative on the Institutional Review Board since 2010. He has also been a member of the Society for Neuroscience since 1999 and a member of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society since 2001.

Dr. Kable's work has earned him honors such as the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Fellowship from 2005 to 2007, a National Science Founda-



Joseph Kable

tion Graduate Fellowship from 2000 to 2003 and a Lucius Lamar McMullan Award in 1996.

This chair was established in 2005 by Michael Lowenstein, C'80, and Carol Bassok Lowenstein, W'80, to recognize the achievements of a faculty member in the field of behavioral economics. Mr. Lowenstein is a partner in and co-founder of Kensico Capital Management, while Mrs. Lowenstein is a former vice president of Shearson Lehman Hudson.

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**Report of Economic Status of the Faculty**  
(The full report is available as a PDF online)

## February Council Meeting Coverage

Last Wednesday's Council meeting began with two PIK Professors talking about their respective research that often involves undergraduates. These PIK faculty exemplify the integration of knowledge across disciplines, or, as President Amy Gutmann described the PIK Professors, "14 stars in a faculty firmament."

Dr. Adrian Raine, Richard Perry University Professor, discussed his research revolving around biosocial criminology and the causes of white collar crime, both social and biological. He said that he has involved about 100 undergraduate students in basic science research opportunities.

Dr. Christopher Murray, Richard Perry University Professor, focused his remarks on chemistry and materials science that he uses to build artificial atoms. He too involves students in the nanoscale science and engineering projects to improve existing technology and make new phases of matter. This work will soon be done in the new Singh Center once it opens.

Then, the next hour and a half was devoted to the Open Forum which had more topics submitted than there have been at any of the prior Open Forums during the past several years. Ten topics were raised; mostly by undergraduate, graduate and professional students, along with a professor and a lecturer.

The first topic was raised by a faculty member who, although his son won the lottery for admission to Penn Alexander School, is concerned about Penn's commitment to the Penn faculty, staff, students and alumni who live in the Penn Alexander School's catchment area. Not only did this hot topic get discussed at the meeting,

but there were protesters outside the building who were chanting to call attention to "10 more seats." Although the Penn Alexander School is subsidized by Penn, it is part of the Philadelphia School District. The new superintendent suddenly instituted the lottery after some parents had already lined up recently to secure a space for their children for next fall's kindergarten.

The next topic involved partnering with other local schools, such as the Lea School. A veterinary student who is a mother living across the street from Lea said she volunteers there and encouraged others to get involved.

Several speakers spoke about the environment: the need to achieve climate neutrality, to explore sustainable transportation, such as Bike-Share, to avert "catastrophic climate disruption" caused by climate change and the notion of divesting from fossil fuel companies. One person asked, "What will be our climate legacy?"

Other topics included the size of late fees assessed by SFS and the tuition increases for graduate students, as well as diversity initiatives and encouraging entrepreneurship among students at Penn.

Several Council members expressed an interest in having such Open Forum opportunities more than once per semester to be able to discuss topics in more depth.



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## Search for Vice Provost for Research

Provost Vincent Price announces the formation of a consultative committee to advise him on the selection of a Vice Provost for Research. Dr. Steven Fluharty, who has served since 2006 as Vice Provost and then Senior Vice Provost for Research, has been appointed Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, beginning July 1, 2013 (*Almanac* January 22, 2013).

The Vice Provost for Research reports directly to the Provost and is a member of his senior leadership team for academic and strategic planning. S/he develops and implements policies that promote research excellence across the University and manages key elements of the University's research infrastructure, including grant administration and research compliance. The Vice Provost serves as a champion for the research enterprise at Penn, aggressively exploring new areas for research and providing leadership to, and coordination of, research collaborations spanning Schools. The Vice Provost is also expected to guide the strategic efforts of the University in advancing research commercialization and to represent Penn to key local, regional and national constituencies.

The committee invites nominations of and applications from currently tenured faculty members at Penn. The ideal candidate will have a strong personal record of funded research, experience in managing a large research operation and a thorough knowledge of research policies and practices at the investigator, national and international levels. Candidates must be tactful and discreet in handling confidential information and work well with faculty, staff, deans and department chairs in negotiating difficult situations. Excellent written and oral communication skills, sound judgment and demonstrated administrative competence are all necessary.

Nominations and applications, including CVs, may be sent by *March 22, 2013* to: Vice Provost for Research Search, Office of the Provost, 122 College Hall; or by email to Lynne Hunter, Office of the Provost, [lynneh@upenn.edu](mailto:lynneh@upenn.edu)

The members of the consultative committee are:

- Jennifer Pinto-Martin, Viola MacInnes/Independence Professor and Chair of Biobehavioral Health Sciences, School of Nursing; Executive Director, Center for Public Health Initiatives (*Chair*)
- Nancy Bonini, Florence R. C. Murray Professor of Biology, School of Arts & Sciences
- Chi Van Dang, John H. Glick, MD Abramson Cancer Center Director's Professor, Perelman School of Medicine; Director, Abramson Cancer Center
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- Mark Lemmon, George W. Raiziss Professor and Chair of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Perelman School of Medicine
- Susan Sorenson, Professor, School of Social Policy & Practice
- Karen Winey, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, School of Engineering & Applied Science
- Lynne Hunter, Assistant Provost (*Staff*)

## Academically Based Community Service Course Development Grants: Request for Proposals: April 19

The Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships announces the availability of course development grants to promote Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) courses that integrate research, teaching, learning and service. Over 150 ABCS courses across Penn schools and departments engage students in real world problem-solving projects through partnerships with West Philadelphia University-assisted community schools, community-based organizations and communities of faith. Course development grants support University faculty in developing new courses or adapting existing courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Grants will be awarded for up to \$5,000 per project. These funds can be used for graduate and undergraduate assistants, course operations and faculty salary.

We are pleased to announce that the Netter Center will once again partner with the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program in awarding one grant through the BFS Course Design Grants process in the category of Learning and Research with the Community. For more information on this jointly awarded grant, please contact Linda Wiedemann, associate director, Benjamin Franklin Scholars, at [wiedemann@upenn.edu](mailto:wiedemann@upenn.edu)

For a list of ABCS courses see <https://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu/abcs>

*The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:*

1. Academic excellence
2. Integration of research, teaching and service
3. Partnership with schools, community groups, service agencies, etc.
4. Focus on Philadelphia, especially West Philadelphia
5. Evidence as to how the course activity will involve participation or interaction with the community as well as contribute to improving the community
6. Evidence as to how the course activity will engage undergraduate and/or graduate students in real-world problem-solving research opportunities

7. Potential for sustainability

*Please format proposals as follows:*

1. Cover Page
    - 1.1 Name, title, department, school, mailing address
    - 1.2 Title of the proposal
    - 1.3 Total amount of funding you would like to receive
    - 1.4 100-word abstract of the proposal (including a description of how the course will partner with a specific community entity and how all parties involved will derive benefit through the partnership)
  2. One-page biographical sketch of applicant
  3. Two-to-four page mini-proposal
  4. Budget detailing how you intend to use the requested funding
- Please email proposals to Anne Schwiager at [anneschw@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:anneschw@pobox.upenn.edu)



# Deaths

## Dr. Campbell, History of Art



Malcolm Campbell

Dr. Malcolm Campbell, faculty member in the history of art department of the School of Arts & Sciences from 1961 until his retirement in 1996, died on January 27, at his home in Portland, Maine at the age of 78.

Born on May 12, 1934, Dr. Campbell studied at Princeton University where he earned his BA (magna cum laude 1956) and MFA (1959) as well as his PhD. His 1962 dissertation in the department of art and archaeology was devoted to the baroque painter and architect Pietro da Cortona.

He joined the history of art department at Penn as an instructor in 1961 and was promoted successively, attaining the rank of full professor in 1978. At the time of his retirement, he was the Class of 1965 Professor.

During his 35 years of teaching he trained more than 30 graduate students, many of whom now hold faculty and curatorial positions in leading universities and museums in the United States and Europe. In addition to serving as the department chair, Dr. Campbell was a dedicated leader of the School of Arts & Sciences, holding the positions of assistant dean and vice dean of the College and associate dean for the humanities (1985-1988). He was also interim dean for the School of Fine Arts (now School of Design) from 1994 to 1996.

Dr. Campbell was one of the leaders of the shift in art history scholarship from a singular focus on great artists to a broader consideration of cultural forces, most especially the role of patrons. The center of his research was renaissance and baroque art and architecture in Tuscany and Rome, where he studied Medici art patronage during the ducal and grand ducal eras and the making of major public works of art.

Dr. Campbell published many articles and reviews, and his *Pietro da Cortona at the Pitti Palace* (Princeton University Press, 1977) is one of the foundation stones of modern baroque scholarship. He served as book review editor of *The Art Bulletin* and was an active member of the international committee for the Pietro da Cortona exhibition which opened in 1997 in Rome and of the organizing team for *The Splendor of 18th-Century Rome* exhibition in 2000 at the PMA in Philadelphia. He curated several exhibitions in Penn's Arthur Ross Gallery, including *The Eye of Piranesi, Views of Ancient and Modern Rome in the Late Eighteenth Century* in 1988.

During his long and productive career, he received many awards and fellowships, including a Fulbright Fellowship for research in Italy, a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

Dr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Joan Campbell, who for 19 years was an assistant dean in the College of General Studies (now LPS); daughter, Cathy; son, Christopher and his wife, Lisa; and son, Colin and his wife, Gail; and grandchildren, Ruby and Hart.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the John McCoubrey and Malcolm Campbell Student Travel Fund, History of Art Department, University of Pennsylvania, 3405 Woodland Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6208.

## Mr. Mitchell, GSE



Frederic Mitchell

Mr. Frederic I. Mitchell, Jr., retired building administrator in the Graduate School of Education, passed away on January 28 at the age of 73.

Mr. Mitchell came to Penn in 1979 as a facilities coordinator. He retired in June 2008 as a building administrator for GSE.

He was a national member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (Local IBM Ring #165), as well as a National Member of the Society of American Magicians (Local Ring #4).

He was a graduate of the Prendergast Catholic High School.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Darlene Mitchell; son, Daniel Martocello; daughter-in-law, Lisa; and brother, Thomas Mitchell.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Feed the Children, PO Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101; The American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023-7505; or St. Mary in the Mountains, 111 SE St., Virginia City, NV 89440.

## Dr. Ostrow, Gastroenterology

Dr. J. Donald Ostrow, former professor of medicine and chief of the gastroenterology section in the department of medicine in what is now the Perelman School of Medicine, from 1970-1978, died January 10 at his home in Seattle, Washington, at the age of 83.

Dr. Ostrow was born January 1, 1930, in New York City. He was valedictorian at Bronx High School of Science and entered Yale University at age 16 where he was Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a BS in chemistry at Yale in 1950, then an MD at Harvard Medical School in 1954, interning at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After two years as a medical officer in the Navy, he did a residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Dr. Ostrow held many other faculty positions in addition to Penn: Harvard Medical School (1961-1962), Case-Western Reserve University (1962-1970), Northwestern University Medical School (1978-1995) and Albert-Ludwig's Universität Freiburg, Germany (1988-1989). He was awarded emeritus status by Northwestern University in 1995. After retirement, he continued research and teaching opportunities at the University of Amsterdam (1995-1998) and the University of Washington (1999-2013). He remained academically active at the University of Washington, organizing and teaching the GI



J. Donald Ostrow

pathophysiology course until his death.

Dr. Ostrow "was an outstanding teacher and a real physician scientist which is rare these days among doctors," said Dr. Bruce Silverstein, clinical professor of medicine, University of Washington. "He had an encyclopedic knowledge of the medical literature."

Dr. Ostrow's impact on the field of gastroenterology is extensive. He served as chief of the gastroenterology section at Northwestern University and at two Veterans Administration Medical Centers. He served as president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases from 1986-1987, was on the editorial board for five journals and on many committees and review panels. One of his passions was the Undergraduate Teaching Project that he developed with Dr. Martin Carey for the American Gastroenterological Association.

Dr. Cecile Webster, who was Dr. Ostrow's research laboratory assistant at the VA Hospital in Chicago, remembers his "mentoring of research fellows from foreign countries. Many people are in his debt for what he did to increase their knowledge and skills and to further their careers."

Dr. Ostrow will be best remembered for his research in bilirubin metabolism. He trained at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and then with the Thorndike Liver Group under Dr. Rudi Schmid at Boston City Hospital. In 1970 he earned an MSc in biochemistry at University College, London. Dr. Ostrow "was among the few persons who understood back in the 1960s the importance and the pivotal role of the yellow pigment until then considered only as a waste product," said Dr. Claudio Tiribelli, director of the Liver Research Center, Trieste.

Dr. Ostrow's research efforts were supported almost continually from 1962-1995 by the NIH and the US Veterans Administration. He received awards from the William Beaumont Society and the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation.

"Don worked tirelessly for more than 50 years on the biochemistry, metabolism and pathophysiology of bilirubin," said Dr. Jim Boyer, Ensign Professor of Medicine, Yale University. "His major contributions probably lie in defining the mechanisms of neurotoxicity of unconjugated and unbound fractions of bilirubin; the mechanisms by which phototherapy was beneficial to the newborn with jaundice and the etiology of pigment gallstones."

Dr. Tiribelli added, "Taking advantage of his double scientific background (chemical and medical), Don combined a double physiochemical and clinical approach to the study of bilirubin. This allowed him to achieve unique and unmatched discoveries and made Don one of the first real translational researchers."

Dr. Ostrow leaves behind an extensive list of collaborators, both US and international, and a prodigious publication bibliography. He authored 78 research articles dating back to 1959, 28 editorials and review articles and 32 book chapters. "He was the world's most knowledgeable scientist on bilirubin in all its aspects," said Dr. Bert Groen, professor of systems biology, University Medical Center, Groningen, Netherlands. "He completely understood the amazing complexity of bilirubin physiology and physical chemistry, a rare combination indeed."

He is survived by his wife, Judy; brother, Stephen; children, George, Bruce and Margaret Murray; his niece, Michele Ostrow; and four grandchildren.

## To Report A Death

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

# Honors & Other Things

## Three Penn Engineers Elected to National Academy of Engineering

The School of Engineering & Applied Science at the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that three Penn Engineers have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Honorees are **Dr. Dawn Bonnell**, Trustees Chair professor and professor of materials science and engineering, **Dr. Vijay Kumar**, UPS Foundation Professor and professor in the department of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, and **Dr. Krishna P. Singh**, a Penn Engineering alumnus, University Trustee and Engineering Overseer.



Dawn Bonnell



Vijay Kumar



Krishna Singh

Election to the NAE is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature," and to the "pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education."

Dr. Dawn Bonnell, Trustees Chair Professor and professor in the department of materials science and engineering, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering for "development of atomic-resolution surface probes, and for institutional leadership in nanoscience."

Dr. Bonnell is director of the Nano/Bio Interface Center (NBIC). She received her PhD from the University of Michigan in 1986 and was a Fulbright Scholar to the Max-Planck-Institute in Stuttgart, Germany, after which she worked at the IBM Thomas Watson Research Center.

The research in the Bonnell group focuses on atomic processes at surfaces. The group is known for the first imaging of atoms on oxide surfaces, a result that generated a new field involving groups around the world and impacting catalysis, nanofabrication and materials growth technology sectors. More recently her group developed a new paradigm for fabricating nanostructured devices, Ferroelectric Nanolithography, and discovered a new mechanism for harvesting light energy. An additional outcome of this research program has been the invention of new probes that reveal the behavior of small structures.

Through her directorship of the NBIC, Dr. Bonnell generated new research programs that cross disciplinary boundaries, linking engineering and life science in a two-way exchange that advances our understanding of interactions at the interface of physical and biological systems. Resulting technologies include chemical and biochemical sensors including DNA sequencing, in situ and ex situ probes of cellular processes and new technologies for nanoscale visualization. The NBIC has been an innovator in educational programs, developing new curricula for nanotechnology degrees to support the development of a workforce for the next decade of innovation.

Dr. Vijay Kumar, UPS Foundation Professor and professor in the department of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics with a sec-

ondary appointment in the department of computer and information science, has been elected to the NAE for "contributions in cooperative robotics, networked vehicles, and unmanned aerial vehicles, and for leadership in robotics research and education."

Dr. Kumar, who is on sabbatical leave, is currently serving as the assistant director for robotics and cyber physical systems at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. He received his bachelor of technology from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and his PhD from Ohio State University in 1987. He has been on the Penn faculty since 1987.

Dr. Kumar studies collective behaviors in biological and robotic systems. He and his group design novel architectures, create abstractions for systems of interacting individuals and develop new algorithms for cooperating robots. The overarching themes in his research include modeling nature and developing bio-inspired architectures and algorithms, understanding group/individual dynamics, and the design and composition of controllers for robust, scalable autonomous systems. Dr. Kumar's key challenges include operation in unstructured, dynamic environments, integration of control, communication and perception, and scaling down to smaller sizes with limited actuation, sensing, and computational resources.

Dr. Krishna P. Singh (GME'69, GrME'72), a Penn Engineering alumnus, University Trustee and Engineering Overseer, is founder, president and chief executive officer of Holtec International, an energy-technology company based in Marlton, NJ. An innovator in nuclear power plant technology, Dr. Singh provided the naming gift for the Krishna P. Singh Center for Nanotechnology (*Almanac* September 4, 2007).

Dr. Singh has shepherded the growth of Holtec International over the past two decades through development of cutting-edge technologies to help generate eco-friendly energy from both nuclear and fossil fuels. In the nuclear power sector, Holtec is globally recognized as the pre-eminent developer and provider of technologies to store and transport used nuclear fuel and of heat exchange equipment that lie at the heart of operating nuclear power plants. Holtec-supplied heat exchange equipment designed to coax maximum energy from fossil fuel helps power scores of electric plants on four continents around the world. Dr. Singh is the author or co-author of over sixty technical papers, a widely used reference book on heat exchanger design, numerous technical monographs and hundreds of industry reports. His array of patents on innovative heat exchange and nuclear fuel storage device designs form a keystone of Holtec's product lines.

## Prize for Arabic Literary Translation: Dr. Allen

**Dr. Roger M.A. Allen** has been awarded the 2012 Saif Ghobash Banipal Prize for Arabic Literary Translation, for his translation of *A Muslim Suicide* by Bensalem Himmich. Dr. Allen is the Sascha Jane Patterson Harvie Professor Emeritus of Social Thought and Comparative Ethics and professor emeritus of Arabic and comparative literature in the School of Arts & Sciences.

The Saif Ghobash Banipal Prize for Arabic Literary Translation is an annual prize of £3,000 (~\$4,500), awarded to the translator(s) of a published translation in English of a contemporary Arabic work of literary merit.

In their announcement, the judges stated, "A *Muslim Suicide* is a highly ambitious and erudite work that opens up remarkable historical, cultural, and religious perspectives on the Islamic heritage. It is a highly challenging, yet deeply enriching read in its English translation. This is chiefly due, however, to the immense insight and long and hard-earned cultural and linguistic awareness of its translator. It is very hard indeed to imagine anyone besides Roger Allen capable of bringing this serious book alive to English readers."

## Pilot Grant Awardee: Dr. Buttenheim

**Dr. Alison Buttenheim**, assistant professor of nursing, has been awarded two internal pilot grants, one from the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and the other from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program. The grants are for a study on "Retail Pharmacy Vouchers to Promote Tdap Vaccination for Adults Living with Infants."

As part of the study, Dr. Buttenheim and co-investigators will provide vouchers and video-based education to adult caregivers at newborn well baby visits to encourage them to get their Tdap, which is a vaccination for Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, at a nearby pharmacy.

## Claire M. Fagin Distinguished Researcher: Dr. Curley

**Dr. Martha A. Q. Curley**, Ellen and Robert Kapito Professor in Nursing Science, is the recipient of the 11th annual Claire M. Fagin Distinguished Researcher Award. Dr. Curley will be presented with the award and give a lecture on April 4 at 3 p.m. in Fagin Hall.

Dr. Curley is nationally and internationally recognized for her work related to clinical management of critically ill infants and children and their families, and also for her contributions to the field of pediatric critical care nursing.

A major focus of Dr. Curley's research is the interactions and crossing points between physicians and nurses who care for critically ill children and how support is provided to their family.

## AIMBE Fellow: Dr. Winkelstein

**Dr. Beth Winkelstein**, professor in the department of bioengineering and associate dean for undergraduate education in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, has been named Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) for the class of 2013.

The AIMBE is the leading advocacy group for medical and biological engineering, comprised of the field's 1,000 top practitioners in academia, industry and government. AIMBE has earned a reputation as a prestigious public policy leader, regarded by key legislators as the field's preeminent voice.



## Call for Volunteers for 2013-2014 Committee Service: Deadline March 25

**To: University Faculty,  
Penn Professional Staff Assembly  
and Weekly-Paid Professional Staff  
Assembly Members**

**From: 2012-2013 University Council  
Committee on Committees**

**RE: Volunteers Needed for  
Committee Service**

The University Council 2012-2013 Committee on Committees invites you to nominate yourself or others for service on University Council Committees. Council committees serve as advisory bodies in shaping academic/administrative policy. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to learn about the administrative structure of the University and have input into its decision-making.

Membership on the committees listed at right is open to faculty and staff, and we invite individuals who have previously served to volunteer again. We also encourage faculty and staff who have not previously participated to volunteer so that committees may have a mix of new ideas and experience. Most committees also are open to students; their participation is being solicited through other channels.

Please submit nominations by *March 25, 2013*, using the form below.

To have an idea of a particular committee's work, you may wish to review its most recent annual report published in *Almanac* or by visiting the University Council website at [www.upenn.edu/secretary/council/committees.html](http://www.upenn.edu/secretary/council/committees.html)

### 2012-2013 University Council Committee on Committees

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(Office of the Faculty Senate)

### Committees and Their Work:

**Academic and Related Affairs** has cognizance over matters of undergraduate recruiting, admissions and financial aid that concern the University as a whole or those that are not the specific responsibility of individual faculties; of all programs in recreation, intramural and club sports and intercollegiate athletics; and of all matters of policy relating to research and the general environment for research at the University, including the assignment and distribution of indirect costs and the assignment of those research funds distributed by the University. The Committee considers the purposes of a university bookstore. It advises the administration on policies, developments and operations of the bookstores and libraries; in such areas as international student services, foreign fellowships and studies abroad, exchange programs and cooperative undertakings with foreign universities; on athletic operations and recommends changes in policy when appropriate; and on those proposals for sponsored research referred to it because of potential conflict with University policy.

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**Facilities** keeps under review the planning and operation of the University's physical plans and all services associated therewith, including transportation and parking.

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**Diversity and Equity** aids Penn in fostering and taking full advantage of its diversity as well as in strengthening ties across all boundaries to enrich and enliven the campus community. The Committee shall advise the offices of the president, provost and the executive vice presidents on ways to develop and maintain a supportive atmosphere on campus for the inclusion and appreciation of diversity among all members of the University community. The Committee will review and provide advice regarding the University's equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and policies. The areas in which the Committee shall report to the Council include diversity within the educational and work settings and the integration of staff and faculty into the larger campus community.

**NOTE:** Faculty who wish to serve on the Committee on Open Expression also may use the form below. Nominations will be forwarded to the appropriate Faculty Senate committee. Please forward names and contact information to Sue White, Faculty Senate Office, Box 12 College Hall/6303, tel. (215) 898-6943; fax (215) 898-0974 or email at [senate@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:senate@pobox.upenn.edu)

### *Please respond by March 25, 2013*

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*Please specify if you think that you are especially qualified for or interested in serving on a particular committee:* \_\_\_\_\_

## "Traditional Telephone is History" Campaign in Full Swing

Do you still have a traditional telephone sitting on your desk? Departments and schools still using traditional telephone and voice mail service will receive alerts and reminders from ISC that they must upgrade to PennNet Phone, the University's VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone system. Traditional telephone will be discontinued on July 1, 2014. This past June, ISC began announcing the retirement of its traditional telecommunication services (*Almanac* July 17, 2012) and in November officially announced its "Traditional Telephone is History" campaign. The campaign, which alerts the University community that traditional telephone and voice mail services are ending, also includes the *Switch Now Discount* program.

### Save More with the Switch Now Discount Program

To commemorate the final phase of moving the campus from analog to VoIP-based telephone service, ISC is waiving line activation and port conversion fees for traditional telephone users upgrading to PennNet Phone. This is a significant savings for departments and offices—for offices of 10 or more, this is a minimum savings of \$1,300. If you have held off on switching to PennNet Phone, now is the time to switch! The *Switch Now Discount* runs through June 28, 2013, and traditional telephone costs will increase in FY15. Switching to PennNet Phone now can make a tremendous difference in your budget!

### Call Now—We're Here to Help

To start the process of switching from traditional telephone service to PennNet Phone, call the ISC Service Desk at (215) 746-6000, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email [service-requests@isc.upenn.edu](mailto:service-requests@isc.upenn.edu) with the budget codes of the departments in which you're responsible.

*Traditional Telephone is History.* Switch now and save more. The *Switch Now Discount* is available until June 28, 2013.

—Michael Palladino, Associate Vice President, ISC Networking & Telecommunications

## Spring Forward by Learning Something New at Morris Arboretum

Morris Arboretum offers more than 75 classes each spring and fall with topics as varied as:

- Culinary Adventures,
- Behind the Scenes Tours & Trips,
- Health & Wellness in the Garden,
- Growing Minds for kids and families,
- Birding Excursions,
- Creative Expressions,
- Latest in Horticultural Practices,
- Introduction to Botany,
- Professional classes in landscape design and arboriculture.

It's time to take a look at Morris Arboretum's breadth of courses. Here are just a few to whet your learning appetite.

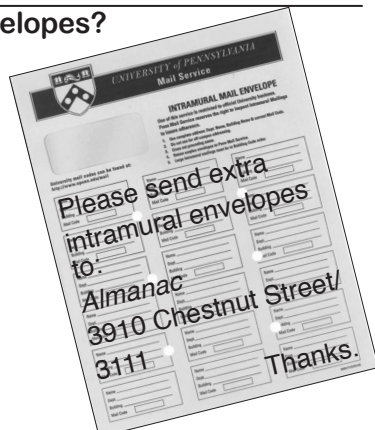
### Coming up Roses!

Are you new to rose gardening or just want some one-on-one guidance to get your roses ready for the new season? Join this informative spring rose care workshop that will provide an overview of pruning, planting, transplanting, fertilizing and composting. Participants will have the opportunity to do some hands on pruning in the Rose Garden and learn techniques that can be applied to their own roses.

### Almanac on Penn Mobile Website

*Almanac* is available on Penn's mobile website, in addition to *Almanac*'s other familiar paper-free options such as the website, RSS Feed and weekly *Express Almanac* email. Users can access the complete issue of *Almanac*—the University's official journal of record, opinion and news—from their mobile devices by choosing "Almanac" under the category of "News" from the mobile site's homepage, <http://m.upenn.edu>

### got envelopes?



### Nature Photography Workshop (Ages 8-12)

In this four-week series, children will use their creativity to capture the beautiful landscape of Morris Arboretum through the camera's lens. Children will learn tips and techniques to hone their photography skills, concentrating on close-ups, textures, color and landscape concepts. In the last session, students will celebrate and critique their classmates' work.



### Introduction to Meditation and Mindfulness

Explore the practice of mindfulness meditation to tune in to your body and mind. During four sessions, participants will practice mindfulness-based meditation through body scans, seated meditation and expanded awareness. Connect with your inner-most self and enjoy the many health benefits associated with meditation to promote your own general well-being.

Class times and costs vary, so check the website, [www.morrisarboretum.org](http://www.morrisarboretum.org) or call (215) 247-5777 for more information. Or, register online at [online.morrisarboretum.org/classes](http://online.morrisarboretum.org/classes).

## HR: Upcoming Programs

### Healthy Living

Get the tools you need to live well year-round. From expert nutrition and weight loss advice to exercise and disease prevention strategies, we can help you kick-start your body and embrace a healthy lifestyle. These free workshops are sponsored by Human Resources. For complete details and to register, visit [www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration](http://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration) and choose Health Promotions from the Browse by Category section (Pennkey required). Or contact HR at (215) 898-5116 or [vyasr@upenn.edu](mailto:vyasr@upenn.edu)

*A Pain in the Neck! Creating an Ergonomic Workspace*; March 20; noon–1 p.m.; free. Does your job leave you sitting behind a desk for hours at a time? Comfort is one of the keys to getting things done on the job—and we'll show you how a healthy workspace can boost your productivity and keep you pain-free. Join us for an interactive lesson on ergonomics and how it can affect your health. You'll learn how a poorly-designed workspace can cause injuries and illness, and how to create an office that's tailored to your physical needs. You'll also have the opportunity to test various office accessories (like chairs and keyboards) to learn what equipment will keep you healthy and happy during the workday.

—Division of Human Resources

## One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy  
Made Simple

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

### Mobile Device Security— 3 Recommendations for Cloud Users (Hint: That's You!)

Thanks to the cloud, you can leverage sophisticated computing resources (like huge backup volumes, powerful document collaboration tools and unlimited email storage) over the internet with a click of a mouse. And because of inexpensive and ubiquitous mobile devices like smart phones and tablets, you can access many of these resources anytime, from anywhere. While it's a huge leap forward for productivity, this combination also introduces new risks. Here are three recommendations of features to implement when combining "Cloud" and "Mobility" (note, only do these *after* you've backed up your device):

1. *PIN or Password*—At a minimum, require a four digit passcode to access your device. 80% of lost phones show signs of snooping by the person that found them—and not just the owner's contacts, but files and emails too.

2. *Passcode Lock*—Automatically lock the device and require the PIN to be re-entered after 5 minutes of inactivity. (Make sure that your phone still allows you to make 911 calls when locked!)

3. *Auto-wipe*—After 10 failed passcode entries, the device should "wipe" (erase) all of the data it contains.

You can typically enable these features in the "settings" area of your phone. Of course, if you're able to let Penn "manage" your device with ActiveSync, these features are automatically in place. Ask your Local Support Provider for more details about that service.

For more tips for securing your mobile device see:

[www.upenn.edu/computing/security/checklists/Top10/Top\\_10\\_Tips\\_for\\_Smartphones.php](http://www.upenn.edu/computing/security/checklists/Top10/Top_10_Tips_for_Smartphones.php)

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

## Portable 3-Year Academic Calendar



Did you know that Penn's new 3-year academic calendar is available on *Almanac*'s website, Penn's mobile website and as a printable PDF?

You can also get the calendar to sync with MS Outlook, Apple iCal, Google calendar and your mobile devices by visiting [www.upenn.edu/almanac/academic.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/academic.html) and following the instructions from the link at the top of the page.



# Update

February AT PENN

## READINGS AND SIGNINGS

**28** *7 Up Series on Camp*; 6 p.m.; Arts Café, Kelly Writers House (KWH).

*Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes and Black Women in America*; Melissa Harris-Perry, Tulane University; 7 p.m.; Penn Museum (PWC; Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies; PCUW; Alice Paul Center). See Talks.

## TALKS

**27** Gunter Demnig, *Mourning and Remembrance*; Michael Morse, Penn senior; noon; Arts Café, Kelly Writers House; RSVP: [wh@writing.upenn.edu](mailto:wh@writing.upenn.edu) (KWH).

**28** *South Asia Colloquium Series*; Naval Krishna, Banaras Hindu University; noon; rm. 826, Williams Hall (South Asia Studies).

*The Sassi of Matera: The Persistence of the Prehistoric Past for the Town of the Future*; Pietro Laureano, UNESCO; 12:30 p.m.; Kroiz Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library (PennDesign).

*Which Women? Race, Class, Sexuality & the Continuing War on Women*; Melissa Harris-Perry, Tulane University; 5:50 p.m.; Harrison Auditorium, Penn Museum (PWC; Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies; PCUW; Alice Paul Center). See Readings & Signings.

## AT PENN Deadlines

The February and March AT PENN calendars are online at [www.upenn.edu/almanac](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac). The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The deadline for the April AT PENN calendar is *Tuesday, March 12*.

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

## No Issue During Spring Break

There is no issue scheduled for Tuesday, March 5.

## March Madness Art Giveaway

The Office of the Curator is offering over 100 pieces of artwork—paintings, limited edition prints, even a few mixed-media pieces—that are not in the University Art Collection, free of charge to Penn faculty and staff. First



(At left) "Sunrise at Angkor Wat" by Jerry Porter, from the exhibit *Cambodia: Temples and People* at the Burrison Gallery, now through April 5. There will be a reception on Thursday, March 14 at 4 p.m. An emeritus professor of mathematics who has been at Penn since 1966, Dr. Porter took these photographs while on a trip to Cambodia in January 2012.

## Burrison Gallery: University Club Members Exhibit—Call for Submittals

The Burrison Gallery is calling for artwork submittals to be considered for its third annual University Club Members Exhibit. Any member of the University Club at Penn may submit their work for consideration. This juried, group show will open with a reception in the early summer and will be on display in the Gallery from June 29–August 16, 2013.

The purpose of this show is to highlight the creativity of Club members and to provide them with a venue to share their work with the University community. In order to qualify for consideration, you must be a member of the University Club when your submittal package is received. If you are not currently a member, you may apply at [www.upenn.edu/universityclub/online-membership.php](http://www.upenn.edu/universityclub/online-membership.php).

Submittal packages should include

- 1) a completed application form (see [www.upenn.edu/universityclub/burrison.shtml](http://www.upenn.edu/universityclub/burrison.shtml)) and
- 2) up to three digital images of individual works of art on a CD or DVD.

Works of art must be two dimensional: paintings, drawings, photography, prints, fabric pieces. The deadline for submission of the package is *Friday, March 29, 2013*. Selected artists will be notified by *April 30, 2013*.

The Burrison Gallery is an entity of the University Club, a private club for faculty and staff, as well as associate members who include post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and alumni of the University. The Gallery provides a venue for artists in the University community. Maurice Burrison's vision was to encourage artistic freedom. His legacy continues as the Burrison Gallery emphasizes the role of art and culture in strengthening collaborative relationships across the University.

come first served at the Office of the Curator, 3401 Market St., Suite 211.

Giveaway Dates:

*Thursday, February 28*: noon–3 p.m.

*Friday, March 1*: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Monday, March 4*: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

## Almanac

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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 **February 11-17, 2013**. Also reported were 13 Crimes Against Property (6 thefts, 1 auto theft, 1 DUI, 2 acts of vandalism, 1 narcotic offense and 2 other offenses). Full reports are available at: [www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n23/creport.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n23/creport.html). Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of **February 11-17, 2013**. 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.

02/12/13	4:48 PM	4001 Walnut St	Complainant threatened by known male
02/12/13	9:28 PM	4000 Market St	Male causing disturbance/Arrest
02/15/13	2:08 AM	3400 Spruce St	Female causing disturbance/Arrest
02/15/13	4:49 PM	51 N 39th St	Male threatened security/Arrest
02/17/13	8:20 AM	451 University Ave	Complainant stabbed in arm/Arrest made
02/17/13	12:08 PM	3400 Spruce St	Complainant reported being harassed

## 18th District Report

The Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District for **February 11-17, 2013** were not available at press time. They will be posted to the online version of *Almanac* at [www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n23/creport.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n23/creport.html)

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## International House Philadelphia's New Permanent Historical Exhibition

On Thursday, February 28, International House Philadelphia (IHP) will officially open its first permanent historical exhibit titled *IHP: The First 100 Years*, highlighting the residential services and compelling social programming it has carried out for over 100 years. IHP has amassed an incredible archive of documents, which addresses the history of this important institution and its role in the Philadelphia community. Utilizing original material including photographs, correspondence, newsletters and press clippings the exhibit illustrates the story of IHP from its inception. This is a story that reveals a common thread through the changing physical, economic, religious and political climates that have given IHP a prominent place among institutions that advocate for open dialogue, cultural exchange, progressive thinking and peace.

To join IHP's opening celebration of the exhibit on February 28 at 6 p.m., RSVP at <http://ihousephilly.org/events/100years/> or call (215) 387-5125 and select option 2, Box Office.

Esteemed members of IHP's community will join staff, residents and the general public for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres sponsored by local restaurants and live music by The Gatsby Brothers in celebration of this institution's century of service to tens of thousands of students, scholars, interns, the Philadelphia community and the worldwide International House movement.

### A Look Back to the Beginning

In 1908 when Edward Cope Wood, director of the University of Pennsylvania Christian Association, and the Reverend A. Waldo Stevenson, a missionary, chanced upon a group of Chinese students on the University's campus, Wood and Stevenson discovered they were the first to befriend them since their arrival in the United States. Touched by their evident loneliness and the prejudice and discrimination they and their friends experienced, Wood asked the Reverend and Mrs. Stevenson to open their Larchwood Avenue apartment to foreign students studying in the area.

Two years later in 1910, Wood persuaded the Christian Association to sponsor the Stevensons' work. Thus began International House, a movement started in Philadelphia, now with 22 Houses around the globe. International Houses Worldwide is united by one mission: to provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding and international friendship.

By 1959, International House had outgrown two different buildings and in 1970, they built their permanent home in an award-winning structure at 37th and Chestnut Streets. In the late 1970s, International House developed two arts centers, the Folklife Center and the Neighborhood Film/Video Project, as part of their commitment to serve the broader community. In 1992, the House launched its most ambitious arts program: the Philadelphia Festival of World Cinema. The combined efforts of their residential and arts centers make them a unique resource for Philadelphia and the region.

Through its distinctive programming, IHP maintains a diverse and welcoming community for scholars from around the world, while introducing them to the American experience; to broaden the horizons of its residents and the large community through high quality international arts and humanities programs.



*This photo—one of several from the new exhibition—was taken at the 1929 International House Ball, at the original IHP location, 3905 Spruce Street, which had been known as the Joseph Potts Carriage House with 12 residential rooms (now the site of the University of Pennsylvania Press and former home of WXPB).*



*International House Philadelphia (IHP), an independent institution at 3701 Chestnut Street, was designed by the local architectural firm Bower and Fradley (now known as BLT Architects); the building was dedicated in 1970. The building houses more than 400 students at any given time from nearly 100 countries, including the United States. Approximately 80 percent of the residents are from foreign countries, and the remaining 20 percent are American. Each year, they provide accommodations for over 1,200 residents. The residents attend Penn, Drexel and other educational institutions in the area. The building also houses Penn's Office of International Programs, containing International Student and Scholar Services and Penn Abroad.*

Photo Courtesy of International House Philadelphia.