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Penn Scientist: First Director of New Center for Orphan Disease Research and Therapy



H. Lee Sweeney

Dr. H. Lee Sweeney, the William Maul Measey Professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, has been named the inaugural director of Penn's Center for Orphan Disease Research and Therapy. The primary mission of the Center is to expedite the translational science and development of novel

therapies for rare and orphan diseases. The Center will achieve this by promoting innovative translational research and therapeutic strategies, building on partnerships among investigators, academic institutions, patients and advocacy groups, industry and funding agencies.

Formation of the new Center was catalyzed by a \$10 million gift from an anonymous donor in July 2011 (*Almanac* September 13, 2011). The Center fills a crucial need by providing the core laboratories, techniques, collaborative relationships, and expertise to lead an international, coordinated effort in the eradication of orphan diseases.

Diseases are classified as orphan, or rare, when they affect fewer than 200,000 people. However, as there are approximately 7,000 diseases now identified in this population, more than 25 million Americans are currently afflicted. Many of these diseases are caused by genetic mutations and are diagnosed in children. Research in many orphan diseases has lagged behind other major disease categories, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, in part because of a relative lack of technical expertise and funding mechanisms. Penn's Center will specifically address these needs.

"I am pleased to name Dr. Sweeney as the first director of the Center for Orphan Disease Research and Therapy," said Dr. J. Larry Jameson, executive vice president for the Health System and dean of the Perelman School of Medicine. "The Center is a natural extension of Penn's expertise in the pathogenesis and treatment of rare diseases. With his decades of experience in basic biomedical research, work with families, and involvement with biotech firms and the federal government, Dr. Sweeney is an especially appropriate choice to lead the Center."

"I feel that I have been preparing for this position for the past 15 years in my work with the neuromuscular disease community," said Dr. Sweeney. "I look forward to expanding my experiences to a broader range of orphan diseases."

For much of his career, Dr. Sweeney has been chair of the department of physiology, a

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Penn Medicine's 1,000th Heart Transplant

Marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Heart Transplantation Program, Penn Medicine physicians have completed their 1,000th life-saving heart transplant at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). The 1,000th patient was transplanted on Sunday, December 2, 2012 and is doing well.



Lee Goldberg

"This milestone was made possible by the tireless dedication of a multidisciplinary team at the Penn Medicine Heart & Vascular Center over the last

two decades, including cardiologists, surgeons, anesthesiologists, nursing staff, nutritionists, social workers, and transplant nurse practitioners and nurses," said Dr. Lee R. Goldberg, medical director, Penn Medicine Heart Failure and Transplantation Program. "Working closely with our patients and their families and our partners at Gift of Life Donor Program, we've been able to make significant progress in heart transplantation care."

Established in 1987, the Penn Medicine heart transplant program, part of the Penn Transplant Institute's multi-organ transplant center at HUP, has been at the forefront of medical care and clinical advances in the area of heart failure and heart transplantation, including offering multiple organ transplantation—such as heart-lung and heart-liver transplants.

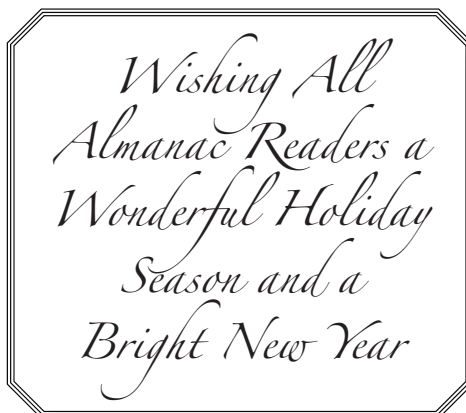
The program performs more adult heart transplants per year than all other Philadelphia area hospitals combined, making it one of the top three heart transplantation programs in the nation. Even though the program's faculty and staff treat some of the most complex cases, Penn Medicine's heart transplant outcomes are among the nation's best, with three-year survival rates greater than 80 percent.

As a leader in transplantation technology since the program's foundation, Penn was the first heart transplant center in the Philadelphia region to receive certification for total artificial heart (TAH-t) implantation, performing the first TAH-t operation in the Northeast in 2007 (*Almanac* February 27, 2007). That patient later went on to receive a full heart transplant, and is alive and well today. Cardiologists and surgeons at Penn have also been leaders in testing the latest in mechanical cardiac devices, such as ventricular assist devices (VADs), which support or replace heart functions while patients are on the transplant waiting list, or as permanent therapy when transplant is not an option. The program is the largest mechanical circulatory support program in the region, placing more ventricular assist devices than any other program in the Delaware Valley.

Continuing this tradition of innovation, today Penn works to establish new scientific partnerships and support active research programs that give patients early access to the latest in transplantation science and post-transplant care. The program is a member of the prestigious National Institute of Health's Clinical Trials in Organ Transplant Network and has enrolled the most patients in the network's current heart transplant trial.

The program also serves as a national resource for training the next generation of physicians. Within the last few years, physicians involved with the program became among the first in the nation to receive certification in a new cardiology subspecialty, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology. The new specialty was created because of the rapid progress in treatment options for patients with heart failure and the ever-growing need to monitor, assess, and advance these new technologies for patients. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), responsible for accrediting the majority of graduate medical training programs for physicians in the US, recognized the experience of the program and certified it to train up to four Cardiology Fellows annually in this new specialty.

Also marking its silver anniversary, the program recently received a 2012 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Bronze Medal of Honor award for its success in increasing the number of organs available and transplanted in the United States. This achievement was also made possible by donor families and their loved ones who gave the gift of life through organ donation.



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

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Chair's Report. Faculty Senate Chair Susan Margulies updated SEC on upcoming meetings. She reported that Provost Vincent Price will be on the agenda of the January SEC meeting followed by a demonstration of the new Travel Management Expense System. She encouraged SEC members to write down questions for the Provost. Dr. Margulies explained that President Amy Gutmann will be on the February SEC agenda followed by a discussion on the Gender Equity Report and an update on the Faculty Diversity Action Plan with Vice Provost Lynn Lees. She reported that the March SEC meeting will feature a panel with one or two guest speakers on the topic: *The Future of Research-Intensive Institutions in the 21st Century*. She handed out bios on guest speaker Ronald Ehrenberg, professor of industrial and labor relations and economics at Cornell University and another possible guest speaker, Andrew Delbanco, professor of American studies and humanities at Columbia University, noting that this event will be open to all faculty.

Strategic Plan for Global Initiatives. Vice Provost for Global Affairs Zeke Emanuel presented the Strategic Plan (*Almanac Supplement* December 4, 2012) that provides a framework for increasing Penn's global impact over the next five years. He reported that he consulted widely across the University with deans, faculty, and relevant staff and encouraged SEC members to offer feedback. He explained that the plan includes three pillars of action: preparing students for an increasingly globalized society, strengthening Penn as a global agenda-setter; and promoting healthy, inspiring, and productive lives. He noted that one of the highlights of the plan is to establish a World House on campus to provide a focal point for global engagement on campus. He reported that he conducted an inventory of the many programs, initiatives, collaborations, and research projects that Penn students and faculty are involved with around the world to better integrate the activities. He noted that he would like to provide incentives for faculty to teach cross-disciplinary and cross-school courses on global topics. Vice Provost Emanuel explained that he hopes to increase the amount of international internships, research and volunteer programs, and the number of post-graduate fellowships. He added that he would like to get Penn Alumni overseas involved to support, mentor, and serve as cultural ambassadors. SEC members asked questions on the following topics: financial aid for international students, ways to collaborate with the sciences, vision of the impact of the Strategic Plan, opportunities for undergraduate students, details about the World House, funding and personnel needed for the Strategic Plan, and whether there are metrics to measure success.

Discussion on the Ad Hoc Sabbatical Report: Ad Hoc Sabbatical Committee Chair Tom Sollecito explained that the committee was formed in 2011 by Vice Provost Lynn Lees and Past Faculty Senate Chair Bob Hornik to review sabbatical use at the University of Pennsylvania. He explained that the charge included: investigation of the number/type/rank of the eligible faculty who have accrued the maximum sabbatical credits across all schools; investigation of the number of scholarly leaves with the past three years based on track/rank of faculty; develop a questionnaire elucidating reasons for using or not using the sabbatical; and develop alternative plans, if needed, which could facilitate faculty in scholarly refreshment. He explained that the committee gathered sabbatical data and formed focus groups to help understand the reasons for sabbatical use and non-use. He explained that the report outlines the findings for the barriers to sabbatical use, facilitators to sabbatical use, and alternative sabbatical models. He noted that the report contains a proposed action plan that recommends the following: sabbatical credits should be given to each faculty member during their yearly faculty appraisal, sabbatical training be provided for deans, chairs, and faculty to provide information, and add hybrid sabbatical models that compress the sabbatical in terms of time and place. SEC members had a robust discussion on: sabbatical funding, sabbatical compensation, and increased transparency of existing models.

SEC members unanimously passed the following resolution: *faculty should be given an annual account of the individual accrual of sabbatical credits, preferably in an annual salary letter to each faculty member.*

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position he has held since 1999, and will hold until June 2013. He has studied the mechanisms that help control muscle function with the hope of gaining a better understanding of ways to thwart muscle deterioration caused by age and degenerative diseases and to promote muscle growth. He has also directed the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Cooperative Research Center at Penn since 2005.

Dr. Sweeney's research includes the study of animal models of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), a rapid muscle degenerative disease that can lead to muscle weakness, including the heart and diaphragm, ultimately limiting life expectancy. His research team studies both small molecule and gene therapy approaches to help treat genetic diseases and to validate possible therapeutic targets. He led a team of researchers who showed that a new drug called PTC124 could override a

genetic mutation causing muscle degeneration in DMD mice without causing apparent side effects. PTC124, developed by PTC Therapeutics, a small biotech firm in NJ, in collaboration with Dr. Sweeney's lab, is currently in clinical trials with DMD and cystic fibrosis patients. For this body of work, Dr. Sweeney received a Hamdan Award for Medical Research Excellence from Sheikh Hamdan of Dubai in 2008.

He also serves as the scientific director of the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, an advocacy group whose mission is to end Duchenne muscular dystrophy and is involved in lobbying Congress for funding of neuromuscular diseases.

The author of more than 180 papers and reviews that have more than 16,000 cumulative citations, Dr. Sweeney is a Fellow of the American Heart Association and a recipient of the Perelman School's Stanley N. Cohen Biomedical Re-

Director of Graduate Programs at GSE: Annie McKee

Dr. Annie McKee joins the faculty at Penn's Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) as Senior Fellow and Director of two of the school's premier graduate programs. As announced by Dean Andy Porter, Dr. McKee's expanded role at Penn GSE includes operational and strategic responsibility for the Chief Learning Officer (Penn CLO) executive doctoral program and the Medical Education (Med Ed) masters program. In her new role, she assumes responsibility for operational management of both programs, and she will continue to teach graduate students and contribute to scholarship through research and writing.



Annie McKee

Both programs are part of Penn GSE's innovative contributions to life-long learning and teaching. The CLO program was launched in 2006 and is the only one of its kind among top-tier universities. This executive doctoral program is designed to prepare the CLO and other executives for success through rigorous and practical doctoral training. The Med Ed program was launched this fall. It is a unique collaboration between physician educators and learning and teaching experts who have come together to provide a comprehensive, innovative curriculum designed specifically for physicians and other health care professionals.

Dr. McKee is a bestselling business book author and advisor to top global leaders, from CEOs of Fortune 500 companies to government officials in South Africa. She has been honored as one of *Businessweek's* Top 100 leaders, and hailed as "the high priestess of executive coaching." She speaks widely around the world, and is a regular contributor to *The Huffington Post*. Her work has been translated into over 20 languages and her newest book, *Management: A Focus on Leaders*, is to be published in its second edition by Pearson Prentice Hall in January. She is also the co-founder of the Teleos Leadership Institute, a consultancy that provides leadership development and advisory services around the world.

Dr. McKee earned her doctorate in organizational behavior at Case Western Reserve and her bachelors, summa cum laude, from Chaminade University of Honolulu. She has taught at Wharton's Aresty Institute of Executive Ed. and has served as adjunct professor at GSE for ten years.

search Award. Dr. Sweeney has served on the advisory council of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Currently, he is a member of the Committee on Neuromuscular Disease of the Association Française contre les Myopathies and of NIH's Skeletal Muscle and Exercise Physiology Study Section.

Dr. Sweeney is an alumnus of MIT (SB, biology/biochemistry). He earned both his AM degree in physiology and his doctorate in physiology and biophysics from Harvard. After a year as a research instructor in physiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, he spent four years as assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He joined Penn in 1989 as assistant professor of physiology. In 1998, he became professor of physiology, with secondary appointments in medicine (division of cardiology) and surgery; in 2005, he added a secondary appointment in pediatrics.

Deaths

Ms. Ferguson, Nursing

Ms. Vernice D. Ferguson, former member of the Penn Nursing Board of Overseers and its first director of diversity and cultural affairs, passed away December 8 at age 84.



Vernice Ferguson

Ms. Ferguson was a senior fellow at Penn Nursing, holding the Fagin Family Term Chair in Cultural Diversity from 1993 to 1997. In addition to serving on the Penn Nursing Board of Overseers from 2000 to 2007, she was also a frequent visitor to Penn Nursing where she mentored faculty and students, gave lectures and was the speaker at its 1991 graduation ceremony.

"In all of her roles, Vernice was the consummate nurse and colleague who was the voice and conscience for inclusion of diversity in every aspect of our mission, said Dr. Afaf I. Meleis, Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing. "She challenged us to envision and create a world that was more ethical and that valued diversity in all its forms. She was compassionate and caring with all whom she interacted and was behind many of our initiatives in diversity that made us a model for the University."

Early on, Ms. Ferguson pursued a tireless career of public service. She had been a science teacher in the Baltimore school system and then head nurse of the Neoplastic Metabolic Research Unit at Montefiore Hospital in Baltimore. From 1972-1980, she served as chief of the nursing department at the Clinical Center, at the National Institutes of Health. She then became assistant chief medical director for nursing programs and director of nursing service of the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC, from 1980-1992.

She held leadership positions in numerous nursing service organizations, including the American Academy of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care. Her honors and awards were numerous, including eight honorary doctorate degrees, the R. Louise McManus Medal for Distinguished Service to Nursing, the National League for Nursing's Jean MacVicar Outstanding Nurse Executive Award and the American Nurses Association's prestigious Mary Mahoney Award besides being designated as a "Living Legend" by the American Academy of Nursing.

She was an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom, the second American nurse so honored. In 2008, Ms. Ferguson was the first nurse to be awarded the Freddie Lifetime Achievement Award. Previous honorees include Bill and Melinda Gates and Christopher Reeve. Most recently, she served on the Quality Care Committee of the Bon Secours Health Care

System, the Independence Foundation's Advisory Committee on Nurse Managed Primary Health Care Initiative and the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Advisory Committee. She also was immediate past chairman of the Nova Foundation of the Nurses Organization of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Her other teaching appointments included the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of Illinois, Georgetown University and the University of Maryland.

Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Ms. Ferguson received her BS and nursing certificate from New York University and Bellevue Nursing Center in 1950. She earned a master's degree from Columbia University Teacher's College in 1957.

Ms. Ferguson is survived by her sister, Velma O. Ferguson; and six nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is being planned at New York University College of Nursing in early 2013. Contact the NYU College of Nursing for details at (212) 998-5300.

Mr. Steinberg, Emeritus Trustee

Mr. Saul P. Steinberg, W'59, Emeritus Trustee and Chair Emeritus of the Board of Overseers of the Wharton School, passed away December 7 at age 73.

Viewing his own support of charitable causes as "an investment in humanity", Mr. Steinberg gave generously to Penn of his time, energy and expertise. He was always motivated by a belief in the University's greatness and by the desire to help it realize its full potential. As a Trustee since 1984, Mr. Steinberg served on the Executive Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee, Facilities and Campus Planning Committee, Internationalization Committee and Nominating Committee, and was vice chairman of the Development Committee.

As co-chair of the Campaign for Penn in the early 1990s, Mr. Steinberg convinced University leadership to raise the campaign goal from eight hundred million to one billion dollars, an ambitious figure he then helped Penn to exceed. His contributions as chair of the Wharton School's Board of Overseers from 1987 to 1999 were equally inspiring and significant.

Mr. Steinberg's allegiance to Wharton led him first to endow the Wharton deanship as the Reliance Professorship of Management and Private Enterprise and then to provide the lead gift to renovate and expand the School's home into Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall. His creation of the Wharton-Reliance Symposium proved to be a watershed event for the School (*Almanac* June 14, 1979), attracting outstanding scholars and leaders in government and global business.

Mr. Steinberg recognized the need to develop a leading executive education program and provided funding for what became the Steinberg Conference Center.

A philanthropist, Mr. Steinberg endowed professorships and fellowships at the Wharton School, the School of Arts & Sciences and the Perelman School of Medicine. He founded the PEN at Penn program (*Almanac* October 13, 1987), which brought literary giants and other luminaries to Penn's campus as Steinberg Fellows. He also was a former member of the Board of Overseers of Penn Design.



Saul Steinberg

A dynamic and visionary businessperson, Mr. Steinberg was the founder of Reliance Group Holdings, Inc., a New York City-based insurance holding company that he started in 1961 as the Leasco Data Processing Equipment Corporation. A computer-leasing pioneer that Mr. Steinberg conceived of as a Wharton senior, Leasco grew rapidly through the 1960s and acquired the considerably larger Reliance Insurance Company in 1968, beginning its evolution into a financial services company. Mr. Steinberg acquired CTI in 1972 and built it into the largest container leasing company in the world. He also served on the boards of Symbol Technologies, Inc., and Zenith National Insurance Corp. and created the Spanish-language television station Telemundo.

Broadly active in civic and cultural affairs in New York, Mr. Steinberg served as a life overseer of Weill Cornell Medical College, a life trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, a director of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and an honorary trustee of the New York Public Library.

Mr. Steinberg was born in Brooklyn on August 13, 1939, and moved with his family to Long Island as a youth. His father, Julius, operated a factory that made bathmats. Mr. Steinberg entered the Wharton School at 16 and graduated at 19.

Mr. Steinberg is survived by his wife, the former Gayfryd McNabb; daughters, Laura and Holden; sons, Jonathan, Nicholas, Julian and Rayne; his brother, Robert; his sisters, Roni Sokoloff and Lynda Jurist; and five grandchildren.



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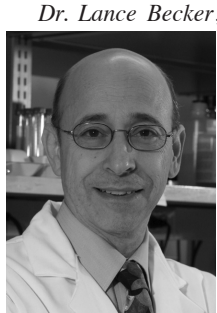
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Honors & Other Things

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Becker



Lance Becker

Dr. Lance Becker, professor of emergency medicine and director of the Center for Resuscitation Science at Penn's Perelman School of Medicine, is the recipient of the American Heart Association's 2012 Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cardiac Resuscitation Science. He has held numerous leadership posts within the American Heart Association, and he helped create the organization's Resuscitation Science Symposium, the leading international venue for the presentation of cutting-edge science in resuscitation.

APS Fellowship: Dr. Carpick

Dr. Robert Carpick, professor and chair of Penn's department of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, has been elected to the 2012 Fellowship Class of the American Physical Society (APS). Dr. Carpick was nominated by the APS Division of Materials Physics for "his outstanding contributions to developing an atomic-level understanding of the tribological phenomena of friction, adhesion, and wear."

Euro-American Women's Council Award: Dr. Christofidou-Solomidou

Dr. Melpo Christofidou-Solomidou, research associate professor of medicine in the Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Division at Penn's Perelman School of Medicine, received the Euro-American Women's Council (EAWC) Goddess Artemis Award. She was honored for her contributions in academic research to the international medical community.

The EAWC is an internationally recognized non-profit organization based in Athens and New York. The Goddess Artemis Award pays tribute to individuals from the fields of business, civil rights, medicine, sports, academia, science, arts and culture whose achievements have decisively contributed to the growth and advancement of societies on a national and international scale.

2014 Whitney Biennial Curator: Mr. Elms

Mr. Anthony Elms, associate curator and publications coordinator at Penn's Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), has been appointed one of three curators for the 2014 Whitney Biennial. He will manage one of the three showcases at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. ICA director Amy Sadao said, "ICA Philadelphia is pleased that our Whitney colleagues agree with our own curatorial team in acknowledging the timeliness and importance of Anthony's exciting and distinct curatorial voice."

Penn Tops Ranking for Security

For the sixth year in a row, the *University of Pennsylvania Division of Public Safety* has been awarded the No. 1 spot in *Security* magazine's "Security 500" list for the higher education sector.

"This accomplishment could not be possible without the continual support of our President Amy Gutmann, Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli, Provost Vincent Price, and the excep-

tional dedication of the women and men of the Division of Public Safety," said Vice President for Public Safety Maureen S. Rush.

Grant to Study Success at Minority-Serving Institutions: Dr. Gasman

The USA Funds has given *Dr. Marybeth Gasman*, professor in Penn's Graduate School of Education, *Dr. Clifton Conra*, from University of Wisconsin-Madison and their team a \$275,000 grant to research student success at Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI)-serving institutions. In this first-of-its-kind study, the researchers will study retention, learning and degree attainment at three AAPI institutions during the next two years. They will examine the environments at these colleges and universities, student success initiatives and institutional data, as well as peer relationships and faculty-student relationships. By December 2013, Drs. Gasman and Conrad hope to have an in-focus panoramic view of student success at minority-serving institutions and how these "Models of Success" can be duplicated to develop more diversity within higher education.



Marybeth Gasman

Pacemaker Awards:

Daily Pennsylvanian

The Daily Pennsylvanian (the DP) was presented with two Pacemaker awards—considered the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize for college newspapers—for both the print newspaper and the website at the largest college media conference in the country in Chicago last month. This was the first Pacemaker for the DP since back-to-back wins in 2007 and 2008. The DP has now received the Pacemaker Award a total of nine times since 1997. This was the first-ever Pacemaker for the DP's website, *theDP.com*, thanks to the site's complete overhaul and redesign in 2011.

Chauvenet Prize: Dr. Ghrist



Robert Ghrist

Dr. Robert Ghrist, the Andrea Mitchell University Professor in Penn's departments of mathematics in SAS and electrical and systems engineering in SEAS, has been named as the recipient of the 2013 Chauvenet Prize of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). The prize is awarded for outstanding exposition of a mathematical topic in an article. Dr. Ghrist, Penn's seventh PIK Professor, won for "Barcodes: The Persistent Topology of Data" in the *Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society* 45 (2008). The official award will be presented on January 10, 2013 at the Joint Mathematics Meetings Prize Session in San Diego.

This is the second year in a row that SAS faculty have been awarded this prize (*Almanac* February 14, 2012).

Initial Class of AMS Fellows: Sixteen Penn Faculty

Mathematical scientists from around the world, including 16 from the University of Pennsylvania, have been named Fellows of the American Mathematical Society for 2013, the program's initial year. This inaugural class of 1,119 Fellows represents more than 600 institutions.

The Fellows of the AMS designation recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to the creation, exposition, advancement, communication and utilization of mathematics.

The Penn honorees are:

Dr. Eugenio Calabi, Thomas A. Scott Professor of Mathematics Emeritus, SAS

Dr. Dennis DeTurck, dean of The College, Robert A. Fox Leadership Professor in SAS and professor of mathematics

Dr. Ron Y. Donagi, professor of mathematics, SAS

Dr. Peter Freyd, professor of mathematics emeritus, SAS

Dr. Murray Gerstenhaber, professor of mathematics emeritus, SAS

Dr. James Haglund, professor of mathematics, SAS

Dr. David Harbater, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor, SAS

Dr. Richard V. Kadison, Gustave C. Kuemmerle Professor of Mathematics, SAS

Dr. Jerry L. Kazdan, professor of mathematics, SAS

Dr. Alexandre Kirillov, professor of mathematics, SAS

Dr. Albert Nijenhuis, professor of mathematics emeritus, SAS

Dr. Robin Pemantle, Merriam Term Professor of Mathematics, SAS

Dr. Florian Pop, Samuel D. Schack Professor of Algebra, SAS

Dr. Robert Powers, professor of mathematics, SAS

Dr. Lawrence Shepp, professor of statistics, Wharton

Dr. Jim Stasheff, visiting professor in the mathematics department, SAS

APSA Vice President: Dr. Hirschmann

Dr. Nancy Hirschmann, professor of and graduate chair in Penn's department of political science in the School of Arts & Sciences, was elected vice president of the American Political Science Association (APSA) for 2012-2013. She is one of three new vice presidents serving one-year terms.

APSA, the largest professional organization for the study of politics, serves more than 15,000 members in over 80 countries.

IP LawMeet National Champions

Lauren Saltiel and *Christina Wong*, both second year Penn Law students, are National Champions of the Intellectual Property (IP) LawMeet, which took place November 8 and 9 at Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law. They won both Best Negotiation overall and top honors for Best Draft.

The IP LawMeet is a national transactional "moot court," which this year drew schools from as far as California. Teams spent the last two months drafting a complex license redlining drafts from opposing counsel, and then negotiating against other teams in qualifying, semi-final and final rounds.

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Book Award: Dr. Horowitz

Dr. Michael C. Horowitz, associate professor of political science in the School of Arts & Sciences, has won the Furniss Book Award from the Mershon Center for International Security Studies for his book *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics*. This award is given each year to an author whose first book makes an exceptional contribution to the study of national and international security. Last November, the book also earned Dr. Horowitz the 2010 Best Book Award from the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association (*Almanac* December 13, 2011).

Beutler Lecture and Prize: Dr. June

Dr. Carl H. June, the Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy in the department of pathology and laboratory medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine and the director of Translational Research in Penn's Abramson Cancer Center, was honored last week as one of the recipients of the American Society of Hematology's 2012 Ernest Beutler Lecture and Prize at the 54th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Dr. June received the prize along with Dr. Bruce R. Blazar, of the University of Minnesota, for their significant advances in the field of bone marrow transplantation (BMT) and adoptive immunotherapy.

Smartest People: Dr. Kumar

Dr. Vijay Kumar, UPS Foundation Professor in the departments of mechanical engineering and applied science and the computer and information science in SEAS, was named one of the "Smartest People in Philadelphia" by *Philadelphia Magazine*.



Vijay Kumar

The *Magazine* stated, "Just when you thought Apple had cornered the market on cool gadgets, along comes Kumar, the 50-year-old Penn prof who has invented tiny (as small as eight inches!) robots that can outmaneuver human-controlled drones, and even create 3-D maps of what they survey. Oh, and yeah: They fly."

Dr. Kumar is also a winner of the 2012 World Technology Awards in the IT Hardware (Individual) category. The World Technology Network (WTN) presents these awards annually to outstanding innovators from each sector within the technology arena. The WTN is a community for and of those people working in and around new technologies, who are creating the future and changing the world.

Pathways to Excellence: LIFE

Living Independently for Elders (LIFE), a program of Penn Nursing, has been granted a Pathways to Excellence designation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Pathways to Excellence recognizes healthcare organizations for positive practice environments that meet 12 practice standards, set by the organization, that help nurses excel.

LIFE, founded in 1998, has served more than 600 Philadelphia seniors. The program provides all needed preventive, primary health, acute and

long-term care services so that qualified older individuals may live in their own homes and communities as long as possible.

Clinical Article Award: Dr. Lewis

Dr. Lisa Lewis, assistant professor of nursing in Penn Nursing, received the 2012 American Heart Association Council on Cardiovascular Nursing Clinical Article of the Year Award for her article, "Factors Associated with Medication Adherence in Hypertensive Blacks: A Review of the Literature." It was presented at the Cardiovascular Nursing Annual Council Dinner at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions.

The Clinical Article of the Year Award recognizes the importance of authors clearly communicating and promoting the goals of the American Heart Association and cardiovascular nursing in the context of cardiovascular research, practice and theory.

Phyllis N. Stern Award: Dr. Meleis

Dr. Afaf I. Meleis, the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at Penn Nursing, received the Phyllis N. Stern Award at the 19th Congress of the International Council on Women's Health Issues (ICOWHI) in Bangkok, Thailand last month. Dr. Meleis is counsel general emerita of ICOWHI and is the International Council of Nurses Global Ambassador for the Girl Child Initiative. The Phyllis N. Stern Distinguished Lectureship, named in honor of ICOWHI's founder and past counsel general, recognizes an internationally renowned leader in women's health issues.



Afaf Meleis

Clinical Research Prize: Dr. Rader

Dr. Daniel Rader, professor of medicine and chief of the division of translational medicine and human genetics at Penn's Perelman School of Medicine, has been awarded the American Heart Association's (AHA) Clinical Research Prize for developing new methods to identify factors regulating the metabolism of fat particles in the bloodstream and testing their impact on the development of atherosclerosis. Dr. Rader received the award in November during the opening ceremony of the AHA Scientific Sessions.

Radiology Award: Dr. Ramchandani

Dr. Parvati Ramchandani, section chief of genitourinary radiology and professor of radiology and surgery in the Perelman School of Medicine, was selected by the American Association for Women Radiologists as the 2012 recipient of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Award for outstanding contributions to the field of radiology. Dr. Ramchandani was chosen for her service in numerous leadership and mentorship roles in the specialty.

Patient Safety Award: Penn Medicine

A Penn Medicine team led by *Dr. Craig Umscheid*, assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology and director of the Center for Evidence-based Practice, was awarded by the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council and the Health Care Improvement Foundation with the

first place 2012 Patient Safety Award. The honor, which comes with a \$5,000 grant, recognizes the group's work in leveraging information technology to decrease catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) using actionable alerts linked to the electronic health record.

The life-saving technology, together with other health system interventions, reduced CAUTIs by about 50 percent at HUP over about one year. Estimates suggest this effort also led to an estimated financial savings of approximately \$140,000 annually.

Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Award: Dr. Reikofski

Dr. Scott Reikofski, director of the Office of Student Affairs/Fraternity Sorority Life, received the Sue Kraft Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors on December 1 in Indianapolis. The group recognized his leadership as chair of the Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community, which creates partnerships with senior student affairs officers, and said he "embodies lifetime commitment to the fraternity and sorority advising profession."



Scott Reikofski

Distinguished Alumna: Ms. Rosqueta

Ms. Katherina Rosqueta, WG'01, was honored by the WWIB with the Kathleen McDonald Distinguished Alumna Award, given at this year's Wharton Women in Business (WWIB) Conference. As founding executive director at Penn's Center for High Impact Philanthropy and an adjunct faculty member at the School of Social Policy & Practice, Ms. Rosqueta earned the award for her professional excellence, worldwide leadership in the field of social impact, and her philanthropic pursuits with charities involved in the women's and Asian communities. The award also recognizes Ms. Rosqueta as a role model to other Wharton women for her "balanced career."



Katherina Rosqueta

This award honors the accomplishments of alumnae and strengthens the bond between graduates and students. It is named for Kathleen McDonald, WG'79, who was an original founder of what was then the Graduate Women in Business Club.

TMS Fellow: Dr. Srolovitz

Dr. David J. Srolovitz, Joseph Bordogna Professor of Engineering and Applied Science in the departments of materials science and engineering and mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, has been named a Fellow by The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS) "for global leadership in theoretical and computational materials science and groundbreaking and seminal contributions to fundamental understanding of surface and grain boundary phenomena."

Thousands of Faculty and Staff Are “In the Know” About Their Health

Do you have high blood pressure? Are your cholesterol or glucose levels in the danger zone? Thousands of Penn faculty and staff now know these answers, thanks to our “Be in the Know” wellness campaign which began in October (*Almanac* October 9, 2012).

Over 4,200 faculty and staff members learned their key health biometrics (blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar) by participating in free and confidential on-campus screenings that ran over a four-week period. Health professionals from AreUFit, a third-party provider of workplace wellness services, conducted the screenings and met with each participant privately to review the results and recommend what next steps the individual should take, if any.

While Penn will never see individual screening results, AreUFit’s initial feedback revealed that nearly 100 participants had seriously elevated blood pressure and/or glucose levels. Some were advised to contact a physician while others sought immediate medical attention and even made a trip to the emergency room.

What’s more? Everyone who participated in a health screening was entered into a raffle and will receive a \$75 cash award in their December paycheck. Congratulations to our two raffle winners—Ming Li (systems analyst, Perelman School of Medicine) and Sasha Renninger (administrative assistant, Penn Museum)—who each won an iPad for participating.

If you didn’t participate in an on-campus screening, there’s still time to “Be in the Know” (and be rewarded). You have until January 2, 2013 to submit documentation of a health screening and be eligible for the \$75 cash award (which you’ll receive in your February paycheck). For complete details on how to participate, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/worklife/healthy/know

—Division of Human Resources

Combat to Care

Careers for Veterans at Penn Medicine

Combat to Care is Penn Medicine’s veteran recruitment initiative inspired by the White House’s *Joining Forces*, a national initiative to heighten awareness about the health needs of the nation’s veterans, service members and families, and elevate the role that medical schools, nursing schools and teaching hospitals play in serving their community. Penn Medicine hosted a reception last month to launch the initiative and honor their own faculty and staff as well as family members who have served in the military.

Joining Forces was established by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden to bring Americans together to recognize, honor and take action to support veterans and military families during their service to our country and throughout their lives.

Combat to Care, an extension of the national *Joining Forces* effort (*Almanac* April 17, 2012), is Penn Medicine’s campaign to: celebrate the service of the veteran faculty and staff; train their clinicians in the unique clinical challenges of caring for military service members, veterans, and their families; and recruit veterans who have demonstrated inspiring dedication, loyalty, and strength in the service of our nation to join Penn Medicine.

Combat to Care acknowledges Penn Medicine’s commitment to both hiring and retaining veterans, as well as recognizing the over 160 Health System and Perelman School of Medicine employees who have served, or are currently serving, in the Armed Forces in an active duty or reserve capacity.

At the reception, there was a dedicated moment of silence to honor all US veterans and to celebrate the life of Dr. John Pryor, the former Trauma Program Director at HUP who was killed on Christmas Day 2008, while serving his second tour of duty as an Army combat surgeon in Iraq (*Almanac* January 13, 2009).

The University of Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine will host activities, including career fairs and educational programs, throughout the coming year, demonstrating their commitment to veterans returning from duty and their families.

United States veterans seeking a new mission in an organization that values service to others above all else, ask yourself, Why Not You?

For information see: www.pennmedicine.org/careers/working-at-penn-medicine/veterans/

Child Care When You Need It Most

As a member of the Penn community, life can be hectic requiring us to deal with the demands of a full-time position or the unexpected emergencies that arise from time to time. And if you’re a parent, you may often find yourself in need to secure your child(ren) in a safe and caring environment while you tend to these situations.

To help, Penn offers two outstanding programs to relieve working parents of the burden of finding last-minute child care. The Penn Children’s Center offers two evenings of child care services from 6–8 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The program is open to all Penn faculty, staff and students with children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years. Pre-registration is required.

For information, including costs and registration forms, visit the Penn Children’s Center website at <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/childcare/>

Parents can also take advantage of Penn’s Backup Care Program (*Almanac* December 8, 2009). Through a partnership with Parents in a Pinch, Inc., eligible faculty and staff have access to temporary in-home backup care services to help meet the demands of their job. Penn offsets the cost of care (which can be expensive) through a subsidy program based on your annual salary. Fees vary based on a number of factors, and some services require more advance notice.

For information, including cost structures, types of services available and how to make arrangements, visit the Division of Human Resources website at <https://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/worklife/family/backupcare> or call Parents in a Pinch at (800) 688-4697.

Almanac Schedule

This is the last issue for the fall semester. After the Winter Break, weekly publication will commence on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Breaking news will sent by email to Express *Almanac* subscribers and will be posted to *Almanac* Between Issues, www.upenn.edu/almanac/

Happy New Year

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

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

Stay Secure while Working on Public Wi-Fi Networks

During the holidays, many of us will travel and find ourselves connecting to web-hosted services in public locations such as coffee shops, hotel lobbies, and airport terminals. Public Wi-Fi networks seldom offer the level of security and protection provided by institutional networks like AirPennNet.

Using unsecured networks can put you and your information at grave risk. Various programs can allow criminals to capture and reassemble the webpages you are viewing and files you transfer.

When you must conduct sensitive business on a public Wi-Fi network:

- Make sure any website you login to and any services you set up on your laptop or phone (like email), is secured with SSL encryption. If a website connection is secured, its address will begin with <https://> instead of just <http://>, and you should see a padlock or other indicator somewhere on the browser screen (usually in the lower right hand corner) showing SSL encryption is in use.

- Position yourself and your device in a way that prevents individuals in close proximity to you from seeing your screen and keyboard.

- Be aware that many popular sites like Facebook, Twitter and Yahoo still don’t fully use SSL encryption.

Don’t let your year come to a close on a sour note. Exercise caution and follow these simple steps while working away from home to have a safe, happy, and secure holiday season.


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

2013 Summer Programs at Penn

Departments, schools or centers at Penn that are planning on offering a summer camp or program during the upcoming summer are encouraged to contact *Almanac* by email at almanac@upenn.edu no later than mid-January with camp/program information so that the annual roundup that will be published at the end of January will be as inclusive as possible.

To see last year’s list of academic, athletic and enrichment options, visit www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/n20/camps.html

Almanac On-the-Go: RSS Feeds

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



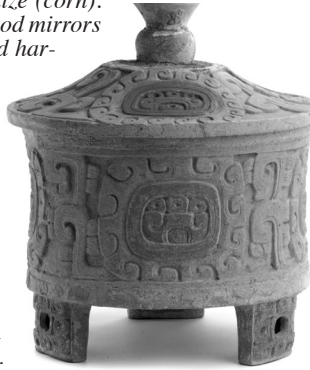
Time is Running Out to See Maya 2012: Lords of Time

Clockwise from top right:

Hieroglyphic Cup: The painter of this ceramic cup did not practice scribal arts, since the exterior presents designs that are not true hieroglyphs. This cup (4.75" diameter x 5" tall) is dated to circa 551 CE, and comes from the Sub-Jaguar Tomb at Copan, Honduras.

Figurine of Maize God: This jade figurine (2" x 4.25" x 1"), circa 541-42 CE, is from Copan, Honduras. The figurine rises from a shell, and represents the rebirth of the god of maize (corn). The story of the Maize God mirrors the cyclical planting and harvesting of maize, an essential food within Maya society.

Carved Tripod Vessel and Lid: This ceramic vessel bearing some pigment, circa 437 CE, from the Hunal Tomb, Copan, Honduras, is an excellent example of a regional style sometimes found in burials at Copan. (8.5" diameter x 9.5" tall)



On Friday, December 21, the Young Friends of the Penn Museum will host *Maya 2012: The Final Countdown*; a party featuring entertainment, drinks and light fare to mark the Mayans' apocalyptic predictions. See if the apocalyptic predictions are true as the clock strikes midnight and if the world doesn't end, party on; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Penn Museum; tickets: \$40; must be 21 or over to enter; info.: www.penn.museum/youngfriends

MAYA 2012: Lords of Time; a journey through the Maya's time-ordered universe, expressed through their intricate calendar systems, concludes its run at the Penn Museum on January 13, 2013. Timed tickets are \$22.50, \$18.50/ seniors, \$16.50/children & students.

Photos courtesy of Kenneth Garrett

University Avenue/34th Street Bridge Closure to Affect University

PennDOT has announced that the University Avenue/34th Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River will be closed for bridge repairs and cleaning for approximately three weeks starting Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The bridge will be closed to all traffic—pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular. All driving commuters should expect an increase in traffic conditions during this time period. Detours, which will be posted for trucks and cars, are as follows:

- Northbound truck traffic will be detoured over I-76 East, 28th St., Passyunk Ave., I-76 West, South St., Spruce St. and 38th St.;
- Southbound truck traffic will be detoured over Spruce St., South St., I-76 East, 28th St., Passyunk Ave., I-76 East and 34th St.;
- Cars will be detoured over Grays Ferry Ave., Woodland Ave. and 38th St.
- Additionally, Spruce Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 34th Street to 38th Street at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2013 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, 2013 for installation of a crane. Follow marked detour signs.

Any additional details regarding the bridge closure will be communicated via Penn Business Services' Department of Transportation and Parking and the Division of Public Safety.

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/acadcal.html and following the instructions from the link at the top of the page.



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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 **December 3-9, 2012**. Also reported were 17 Crimes Against Property (10 thefts, 1 burglary, 2 narcotic-related offenses and 4 other offenses). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n16/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 **December 3-9, 2012**. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

12/03/12	1:47 AM	3400 Spruce St	Nurse assaulted
12/03/12	5:48 PM	1 S 34th St	Female assaulted by male
12/07/12	11:45 PM	3900 Chestnut St	Intoxicated male refused to leave/Arrest
12/08/12	11:35 PM	3400 Spruce St	Handbag taken by ex-boyfriend
12/08/12	11:48 PM	3800 Ludlow St	Intoxicated driver arrested

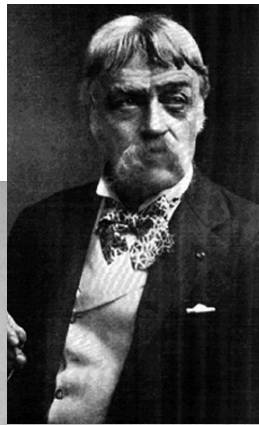
18th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 3 incidents with no arrests (2 robberies and 1 aggravated assault) were reported between **December 3-9, 2012** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

12/03/12	9:00 AM	4800 blk of Walnut St	Robbery
12/07/12	8:57 AM	4631 Walnut St	Aggravated Assault
12/08/12	12:00 PM	3400 blk of Spruce St	Robbery

Note: Since this is the last issue for 2012, the remaining December crime reports will be posted on *Almanac's* website, www.upenn.edu/almanac/crimes-index.html

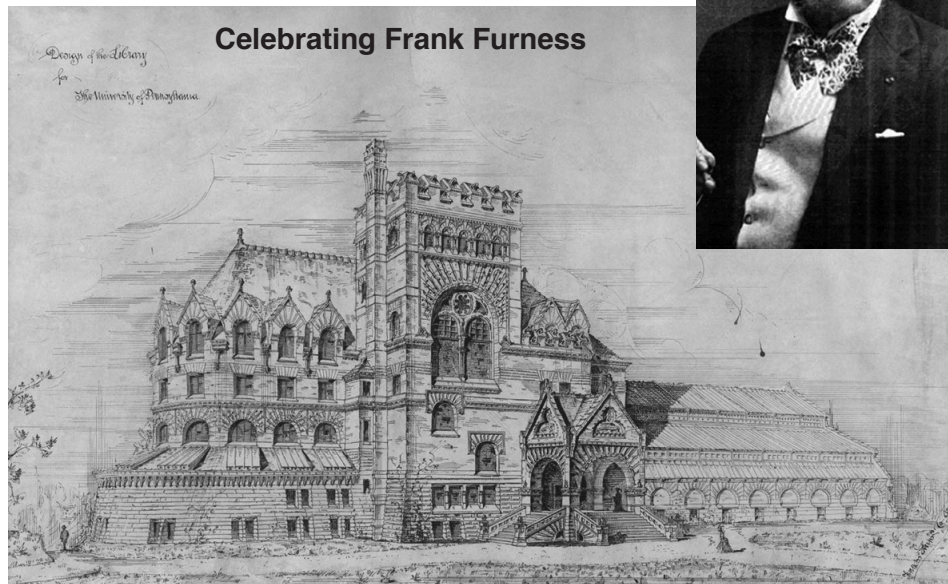
2012 marks the centennial of the death of Frank Furness, the architect (at right) whose imagination brought scale and grandeur to modern library design. In 1985, Penn's fine arts library (below) was the University's first to be designated as a National Historic Landmark; it is also on the list of Philadelphia's Historic Register. The building was chosen in 2011 by *Flavorwire.com* as one of "The 25 Most Beautiful College Libraries in the World."



Frank Furness (1839-1912)

Frank Furness, the acclaimed prolific Philadelphia architect, was among the major architects who helped give shape to Victorian Philadelphia. After serving as a captain in the cavalry during the Civil War, he and his associates dotted the Philadelphia landscape with a remarkable group of buildings—from factories and warehouses to schools, hospitals, banks, railroad stations and private residences. His designs were an eclectic blend of various schools of thought blended into a style that was uniquely his own. His architecture embodied the values of the industrial age. Furness was a co-founder of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institutes of Architects (AIA) and a recipient of both the Congressional Medal of Honor and Centennial Award of Honor.

Courtesy of the Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania



A 19th-century masterpiece of Victorian architecture designed by Frank Furness, the library was known for many years as the Furness Building. When he designed it, he intended it both as a gallery and a library. The cornerstone was laid in October 1888, construction was completed in 1890 and the building was dedicated in February 1891. It served as Penn's main library from 1891 until 1962, and currently houses the fine arts library and related archives and collections. Since 1992, it has been called The Anne & Jerome Fisher Fine Arts Library, in honor of the couple who gave a major gift towards the \$16.5 million restoration, completed in February 1991—the building's centennial. The Arthur Ross Gallery has been in the first floor's south wing since 1983, in a Robert Rodes McGoodwin design added in 1931; it originally housed the Horace Howard Furness Shakespeare Library. After 1962, when the Shakespeare collection moved to the sixth floor of Van Pelt, its former home was refurbished by the Class of 1939 to serve as a meeting room for University Council and the Trustees.



This bookcase designed by Frank Furness—on loan from the University of Pennsylvania Art Collection—is on view through December 30 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Photo by Scott Spitzer



To see the building only from the outside is to miss what so impressed an 1891 *Harper's Weekly* writer: "you almost fancy yourself in a glass palace, for wherever one looks—the ceiling, the flooring, and the upper part of the walls—one sees nothing but glass."

The Kroiz Gallery at the Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania, has an exhibit now through January 18: *Reinventing the Library: Frank Furness' Library for the University*. The Architectural Archives' Furness Collection includes slides, photos and drawings of many of his projects including the Library for the University of Pennsylvania (1888) (above), Tabor, Perkiomen and Gravers Lane Railroad Stations and a pamphlet design for the Bryn Mawr Hotel. The drawings are largely a gift of G. Holmes Perkins. A large photographic collection was also donated by George E. Thomas, following the publication of his book *Frank Furness—Complete Works*.

In addition to the paintings and sculptures displayed throughout Penn's campus, the University Art Collection includes a number of distinctive decorative arts. A bookcase designed by Frank Furness is one such example (above). He designed the bookcase together with a desk which is in the Philadelphia Museum of Art's permanent collection. The desk and bookcase originally furnished the study of Frank Furness's older brother, Horace Howard Furness. While Frank Furness designed the furniture, the fabrication is attributed to Philadelphia cabinetmaker Daniel Pabst. Penn's bookcase is crafted in walnut with burlwood veneer, and includes sculptural carving and incised decoration. The piece is a marvelous embodiment of the Aesthetic Movement, as it incorporates the period's signature stylized floral motifs, alongside Modern Gothic elements. The University Art Collection loaned Penn's bookcase to display alongside the desk as part of the exhibition, *Learning From Frank Furness: Louis Sullivan in 1873*. The exhibition will be on view at the PMA until December 30, 2012 in Gallery 110 on the first floor.