Three Professors Named to American Philosophical Society

Three professors in the School of Arts and Sciences have been elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society (APS). Election to the APS recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in all fields. The new APS members from Penn are Daniel H. Janzen, professor of biology; Victor H. Mair, professor of Chinese language and literature; and Peter Stallybrass, professor of English. The American Philosophical Society is the nation’s first learned society. It was founded in Philadelphia in 1743.

Miss Pennsylvania: Ms. Brooks

Rachel Brooks, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania’s Fels Institute of Government is the new Miss Pennsylvania and will represent the state in the Miss America Pageant. The 24-year-old from Broomall, PA, competed as Miss River City.

As the new Miss Pennsylvania, Ms. Brooks will be awarded a $7,000 scholarship. Her volunteer platform is “Autism Awareness: Unlocking the Mystery.” She plans to pursue a career in public service, academia and private consulting.

NRC Committee: Dr. Moreno
Coverage of Trustees’ Meetings

Of Record:
- Updated Gift Policy (Policy No: 709)
- Financial Disclosure and Presumptively Prohibited Conflicts for Investigators Participating in Clinical Trials

Deaths:
- Dr. Ball, Economics
- Mr. Carley, Wharton
- Dr. Eisman, Medicine
- Dr. Levine, Economics
- A Memory of Martin Meyerson
- Dr. Miller, Finance

Other News:
- From the President: Opposing Boycott of Israeli Academics
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Dr. Jonathan Moreno, has been appointed to the National Research Council (NRC) “Committee on Military and Intelligence Methodology for Emergent Physiological and Cognitive/Neural Science Research in the Next Two Decades.” Dr. Moreno, who is professor of medical ethics, the David and Lyn Silfen University Professor, and professor of the history and sociology of science, was nominated for his expertise in neuroethics and bioethics.

Innovators Award: Dr. Mutz

Dr. Diana C. Mutz, director of the Institute for the Study of Citizens and Politics at the Annenberg Public Policy Center, has been named co-winner of the Warren J. Mitofsky Innovators Award by the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Dr. Mutz and Dr. Arthur Lupia, from the University of Michigan, were cited for their design and implementation of Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS), which have been utilized by more than 200 researchers. They designed TESS to overcome barriers of conducting national opinion surveys such as cost and the long lead-time needed to apply for and receive large-scale grants for individual projects.

Winners of 2007 Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation

Provost Ronald Daniels and GAPSA Chair Dan Grabell announced the six team and individual graduate and professional student recipients of the 2007 Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation:

Project Leader: Kevin Galloway, Ph.D. candidate SEAS; Project: Research & Development of a Road Safety Device: Traffic Light in a Glove

Project Leader: Amanda Marzullo, J.D. candidate Law/M.S. candidate SAS; Project: Striking the Perfect Balance?: An Investigation into Women’s Successes in Kenya’s Kadhi Courts

Project Leader: Jason Matejkowski, Ph.D. candidate SP2; Project Member: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D. candidate; SAS; Project: Validation of the Personal Norm of Reciprocity Measure for Persons with Mental Illness
The GAPSA-Provost's Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation encourages the collaboration of student scholars from different University departments and/or schools and includes a summer fellowship, jointly funded by GAPSA and the Office of the Provost.

Dr. Andrew Binns, associate provost, commented, “We are pleased to be able to co-sponsor these awards with GAPSA. Integrating knowledge—bringing different disciplinary approaches to bear on a question of common interest is a priority for Penn. By offering an attractive level of funding during the summer months, the awards offer encouragement and visibility for this important work. These projects look terrific and we look forward to seeing the results at the poster session this fall.”

“We received many excellent applications, and I am pleased to see that this year’s winners represent six different schools at Penn,” said Selection Committee Student Chair Wenny Lin. “These interdisciplinary projects help fulfill GAPSA’s goal of promoting student collaboration from across the campus, and I am excited that critical societal issues will be tackled by students integrating knowledge from across disciplines.”

In spring 2005, a partnership between GAPSA and the Office of the Provost led to the creation of the Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation. The Award program enables graduate and professional students to engage in a project of their own design to explore, research, and act on critical societal issues. Students were selected based on the quality of their application and funding status, and they will receive a $2,000 monthly fellowship from June through August for this work. This funding will be awarded to the Project Leader in each instance but can be dispersed among project team members.

The winning teams and individuals will submit a report at the end of the summer and participate in a poster session in the fall at the Graduate Student Center. The poster session will provide a venue for fellows to present their work, receive feedback from the larger Penn academic community, and encourage future interdisciplinary collaborations. The Award Selection Committee is also pleased to acknowledge two Honorable Mentions:

Project Leader: Christina Athena Aktipis, Ph.D. candidate SAS; Project: These Boots were Made for Walkin’: Implications of the “Walk Away” Strategy for Relationships, Sex, Marriage and Divorce

Project Leader: Alfred Hanssen, M.S.E. candidate SEAS; Project: No Meu Bairro (In My Neighborhood): An Educational Computer Game

Museum Volunteer of the Year: Mrs. Catherwood
Susan W. Catherwood, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, was named Penn Museum’s “Volunteer of the Year” for 2007. “Susan Catherwood is a wonderful champion of Penn Museum, and a tireless volunteer who continues to contribute her time and talents to furthering the Museum’s outreach, research and educational mission,” noted Dr. Jeremy A. Sabloff, Interim Director of the Penn Museum.

Past chair of Penn Museum’s all-volunteer Board of Overseers (1982-1991) and past chair of the all-volunteer Women’s Committee (1979-1982), Mrs. Catherwood was the recipient, in 1997, of the Marian Angell Godfrey Boyer Medal. She is active as both an emerita member of the Board of Overseers, and a member of the Women’s Committee. She is co-chair of the successful program, organized by the Museum’s Women’s Committee, “Treasures...From the Silk Road to the Santa Fe Trail” Show & Sale, now in its third year. In addition, Mrs. Catherwood was vice-chair of the Penn Board of Trustees from 1982 to 2000.

Distinguished Teaching Award

The Charles Ludwig Distinguished Teaching Award was established three years ago by the College Alumni Society in memory of their long-time president, Charles Ludwig and is given to recognize a School of Arts and Sciences' standing faculty member who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the engagement of students as active and interactive participants in the learning process.

This year’s recipient is Dr. Amishi Jha, assistant professor of psychology. She received her B.S. from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. Before joining the psychology department faculty at Penn in 2001, she held a post-doctoral fellowship in the Brain Imaging and Analysis Center of Duke University. At Penn, she is with the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience where her research is in the area of the functional neuro-anatomy of working memory and attention. Dr. Jha teaches undergraduate and graduate students in cognitive neuroscience, attention and memory, and the cognitive neuroscience of meditation.

Student comments about her teaching range from “Dr. Jha has been, without question, the most influential and accessible professor during my four years at Penn,” to her “singular approachability” and “I admire Dr. Jha for consistently remaining invested in her students and rooted in undergraduate education.”

Worcester Reed Warner Medal: Dr. Ayyaswamy
Dr. Portonovo S. Ayyaswamy, professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics in SEAS, has been named the recipient of the 2007 Worcester Reed Warner Medal by American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for “seminal, cross-disciplinary and ground breaking publications on phase-change heat/mass transfer with droplets and bubbles, multi-phase flows, buoyancy-driven transport and ionized arc-plasma transport, with long-lasting and significant applications in condensation, combustion, micro-electronic packaging, and micro-/macro-biological system.” The Worcester Reed Warner Medal honors outstanding contributions to the permanent literature of engineering.

Bourgelat Award: Dr. Giger

Dr. Urs Giger, the Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine, was the recipient of the 2007 Bourgelat Award at the 50th Annual Conference of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA), the largest veterinary conference in the world. Dr. Giger was honored with this year’s “international flagship award in recognition of his really outstanding clinical contributions to small animal medicine,” in particular, the fields of hereditary diseases, hematology, and transfusion medicine in companion animals. He received an inscribed decanter and scroll.

Health Services Research and Mentorship Awards: Dr. Pauly

Dr. Mark V. Pauly, the Bendheim Professor of Health Care Systems, Business and Public Policy, Insurance and Risk Management, and Economics at the Wharton School, was awarded the 2007 Distinguished Investigator Award by AcademyHealth, the professional home for health services researchers, policy analysts, and practitioners, and a leading, non-partisan resource for the health research and policy. The Distinguished Investigator Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant and long-lasting contribution to the field of health services research. The distinguished investigators are leaders and role models for the field.

Dr. Pauly also received the John M. Eisenberg Excellence in Mentorship award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). AHRQ is the lead Federal agency charged with improving the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans and supports health services research that will improve the quality of health care and promote evidence-based decision making. This award was named in recognition of the late John M. Eisenberg, M.D. (Almanac March 19, 2002) who served as the director of AHRQ, 1997-2002, and is based on nominations from and support by former students. Dr. Eisenberg had been on the medical school faculty at Penn and was a good friend of Dr. Pauly’s.

Drs. Pauly and M. Kate Bundorf, assistant professor of health research and policy at Stanford, received the NIH Care Management Foundation’s 13th annual research award for their paper “Is Health Insurance Affordable for the Uninsured?” in the Journal of Health Economics, July 2006. The NIHCM Foundation award is presented for the best research paper published in 2006 and carries a $10,000 prize.
Catalysis Club Award: Dr. Vohs

Dr. John Vohs, the Carl V. S. Patterson Professor and chair of the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering, is the recipient of the 2007 Catalysis Club of Philadelphia Award, given for outstanding contributions to the advancement of catalysis in scientific or technological areas or in organizational leadership. Award nominators emphasized Dr. Vohs’ pioneering work in the application of surface science techniques to understand reaction mechanisms and site requirements on metal oxide single crystals.

Clinician Scholar Educator Award: Dr. Kolasinski

Dr. Sharon L. Kolasinski, associate professor of clinical medicine in the division of rheumatology, was selected as one of three rheumatologists nationally to receive the Clinician Scholar Educator Award conferred by the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation. The award is intended to recognize and support rheumatologists dedicated to providing high quality clinical educational experiences for trainees and attracting the best trainees into a career in rheumatology. The award provides $50,000 annually for salary support in each of three years to permit the clinician scholar to engage in developing their educational portfolio. Dr. Kolasinski’s project will concentrate on teaching innovations for medical students.

Book Award: Dr. Delli Carpini

The 2007 American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) book award was given to Dean Michael X. Delli Carpini and Scott Keeter for their book, What Americans Know About Politics and Why It Matters (Yale University Press, 1996) at this year’s annual meeting in Anaheim, California. The award, established in 2004, is given each year for a book that has had a lasting impact on the study of public opinion. What Americans Know About Politics and Why It Matters will be added to AAPOR’s list of the 50+ most influential books published in the field.

Penn Vet: CASE Gold Medal

Penn Veterinary Medicine has received the CASE Gold Medal for Crisis Management for their handling of the Barbaro story. The award recognizes the countless interviews, press
conferences, email updates, use of the School's website, and general community relations efforts that went on over the last 12 months (and go on today). The award celebrates the many faculty and staff who supported the communications effort but most especially the leadership of Gail Luciani, the School's director of communications, who began much of last year getting 5 a.m. updates on Barbaro and shaping the daily message that hundreds of thousands the world-over would seek out, and Jennifer Rench who handles communication for New Bolton Center.

The 2007 Newly-Retired Faculty

The following faculty members were accorded emeritus status during the 2006-2007 academic year. Those marked with asterisks (*) have elected not to use the emeritus title modifier.

Philip Lee Ballard, professor emeritus of pediatrics, SOM ('92)

Marc P. Banner, professor emeritus of radiology, SOM ('77)

*Charles Benson, professor of microbiology in pathobiology, VET ('75)

*Karen Buhler Wilkerson, professor of community health nursing, Nursing ('72)

Louis Carter, professor emeritus of social work, SP2 ('71)

Jennifer Chu, associate professor emerita of physical medicine and rehabilitation, SOM ('78)

Ira M. Cohen, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, SEAS ('66)

Patricia Conway, professor emerita of architecture, Design ('91)

J. David Cummins, Harry J. Loman Professor Emeritus of Insurance and Risk Management, Wharton ('71)

Nancy M. Farriss, Annenberg Professor Emerita of History, SAS ('71)

*Rebecca A. Huss-Ashmore, associate professor of anthropology, SAS ('84)

John Keene, professor emeritus of city and regional planning, Design ('66)

Paul Kleindorfer, Anheuser-Busch Professor Emeritus of Management Science, Wharton ('73)

*Klaus Krippendorff, professor of communication, Annenberg ('66)

Paul G. Langacker, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, SAS ('75)

Herbert S. Levine, professor emeritus of economics, SAS ('61) (Deceased; see obituary.)

Peter C. Nowell, professor emeritus of pathology and laboratory medicine, SOM ('60)

*Peggy Reeves Sanday, professor of anthropology, SAS ('72)

Rosane D. Rocher, professor emerita of South Asia studies, SAS ('71)
James Saunders, professor emeritus of research in otorhinolaryngology: head and neck surgery, SOM ('73)

Cynthia C. Scalzi, associate professor emerita of nursing, Nursing ('88)

Harold F. Schiffman, professor emeritus of South Asia studies, SAS ('95)

Nathan Sivin, professor emeritus of history and sociology of science, SAS ('77)

Charles W. Thayer, associate professor emeritus of earth and environmental science, SAS ('72)

Anthony Tomazinis, professor emeritus of city and regional planning, Design ('61)

Herbert S. Wilf, Thomas A. Scott Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, SAS ('62)

Saul Winegrad, professor emeritus of physiology, SOM ('62)

Sally H. Zigmond, professor emerita of biology, SAS ('76)

Note: The year in parentheses is the year the professors joined the Penn faculty ranks.