The University of Pittsburgh has named eight new Legacy Laureates, alumni recognized for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. The laureates were honored Thursday evening during Pitt’s Homecoming festivities.

The Pitt Legacy Laureate program was launched in 2000. Following are brief biographies of this year’s honorees.

Gary A. Amelio

Gary A. Amelio attended the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and received his BA degree from Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences in 1978 and his JD degree from the law school in 1981.

Amelio is an acknowledged leader in the fields of employee benefits, investment executive compensation, and asset management, and served as CEO of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. While there, he successfully directed the $125 billion U.S. federal employee Thrift Savings Plan, which provides benefits to more than three million workers. He currently serves as president of Retirement Services for the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and other federal agencies, integrating 42,000 employees and $3 trillion in assets.

Browning’s public service career spanned 27 years and included work with the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and its predecessor, the U.S. Customs Service, for which he served as acting commissioner for eight months. As deputy commissioner of Customs Service, Browning helped lead its merger with the U.S. Border Patrol and other federal agencies, integrating 42,000 employees and defining the new bureau’s mission under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

His many awards and honors include a U.S. Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award, a Chevalier of the National Order of Merit from the French government, and a U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award.

Browning’s continuing commitment to Pitt includes the establishment of the Douglas M. Browning University Honors College (UHC) International Field Study Award for undergraduates who participate in study-abroad programs administered by UHC.

Audrey L. Holland

Researcher, clinician, professor, and author, Audrey L. Holland received three degrees from the University of Pittsburgh: a BS in 1955, an MS in 1959, and a PhD in speech pathology and audiology in 1961.

Holland is known for the contributions she has made in the field of neurological communication disorders, with special emphasis on rehabilitation and the enhancement of quality of life for patients with aphasia.

As a professor, Holland taught at the University of Arizona, where she was named Regents’ Professor Emerita of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

She served as a visiting professor at the University of Queensland, Australia, and Case Western Reserve University; professor of otolaryngology and psychiatry in Pitt’s School of Medicine; and senior faculty member at the National Center for Neurogenic Communication Disorders.

She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology and has authored more than 125 articles, textbooks, and the recently published Counseling in Communication Disorders: A Wellness Perspective (Plural Publishing, 2007).

Holland has received numerous awards, including the National Aphasia Association Aphasia Advocacy Award, Council of Graduate Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Professional Achievement Award, and Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences Clinical Achievement Award.

Patricia D. Horoho

U.S. Army Col. Patricia D. Horoho, who has a distinguished career in military health care administration, received an MS degree in nursing in 1992 from the University.

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Contemporary Writers Series Continues With Evening Readings, Panel Discussion

Four poets will be featured in two evening poetry readings and an afternoon panel discussion this week as part of the Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series.

Poets Jan Freeman and Allison Joseph will give a poetry reading Tuesday and poets April O’Doherty and Martha Rhodes will read Wednesday, both readings are at 8:30 p.m. in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium. All four writers will participate in a panel discussion titled “Publishing Poets,” at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Room S01 Cathedral of Learning.

Freeman is the author of Simon Says (Pitt Press, 2000), which was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award. Since 1987, she has been a contributing editor of The American Poetry Review; she was also the recipient of the 1993 Cleveland State Poetry Center Award. Her work appeared in several publications, including The American Poetry Review, The Oxford Companion to Women Writers in the U.S., The Massachusetts Review, and Prairie Schooner. She founded Pitt Press, a nonprofit independent press based in Oakland, Mass., in 1995.

Joseph has published five books of poetry: What Keeps Us Here (Amherst, 1992), Soul Train (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 1997), Every Season (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1997), Imagination of Life (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 2003), and Worldly Pleasures (Word Press, 2004). Her inclusion in the John C. Zachary First Book Prize and the Judge Williams Holmes Cook Endowed Professorship. She also has won fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, Sawbones Writers’ Conference, and Illinois Arts Council. She is the head of Southern Illinois University’s master’s degree program in creative writing.

Ossman’s first collection of poems, Anxious Music, was published this month by Four Way Books. Her poetry also has been published in numerous journals, including Prairie Schooner, The Spoon River Poetry Review, the University of Pittsburgh Review, and Poetry Review. She has received several awards for her poetry, including the Prairie Schooner Readers’ Choice Award in the summer of 2000. Ossman has taught creative writing and literature courses at Lebanon Valley College and the University of Maine at Farmington and is the executive director of Alice James Books, a poetry press founded in 1993.

Rhodes is the author of three collections of poetry: Mother Quiet (Eca Press, 2004), Perfect Disappearance (New Issues Poetry & Prose, 2000), and At the Gey (Provincetown Arts, 2000). She is director and founding editor of Four Way Books, a nonprofit literary press based in New York City that she and three partners founded in 1993. Rhodes publishes several collections a year out of her loft in Tribeca, N.Y., and hosts several poetry readings in her area. She teaches at New School University and at the Master of Fine Arts Program at Warren Wilson College.

Pitt’s Book Center, Women’s Studies Program, and University of Pittsburgh Press cosponsor the Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series, which runs through April 2, 2008. All events of the writers series are free and open to the public.

—Tearsa Brown

Romanian Film Series Continues Through November

The new film series “Romanian Cinema on the Edge” began last week on campus and features a younger generation of filmmakers whose films focus on the Revolution of 1989 and on the social, economic, and interpersonal relationships that resulted from Romania’s transition to capitalism.

According to the organizers, the title of the series alludes to the “edge styles” that dominate these movies, as well as to a national cinema that is “on the edge of well-deserved recognition, or just over the edge.”

“These are in-pourous stories that spare neither viewer nor character,” said Iulian Liveziu, professor of East European Studies in Pitt’s Department of History in the School of Arts and Sciences and the film series’ curator. “The films are intense, gritty, low-budget productions through which the unglamorous realities of the ‘transition’ period are strewn down. They focus on familiar characters in recognizable circumstances, in which Romanian audiences can see themselves.”

Films are shown free of charge at 7 p.m. in Biddle Hall Auditorium. The remaining film screenings in the series are:

Thursday: The Paper Will Be Blue (Radu Muntean, 2004). The film reconstitutes the black atmosphere in Romania during the revolution of December 1989, focusing on a moment when the long-awaited fall of the Communist regime was still in question.

Friday: 12:08 East of Bucharest (Camelia Parumoi, 2006). On the 16th anniversary of Romania’s revolution, a small Romanian journalist goes about the story of his daily talk show “Isue of the Day.” The live debate turns into a confrontation between the two guests and callers contesting the guests’ “dreams.”

Nov. 1: Occident (Cristian Mungiu, 2002). This film captures the difficult interpersonal relationships of the young generation during the post-Communist era. The backdrop of all three intertwined stories is the fantasy of escaping to the West.

Monday: 4 Months, 3 Weeks & 2 Days (Cristian Mungiu, 2007). Inspired by an actual incident during the war in Kosovo in 1999, “4 Months, 3 Weeks & 2 Days” is a drama that illustrates Romanians’ fascination with the American dream.

The “Romanian Cinema on the Edge” film series is sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh’s Office of the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Department of History, Graduate Program for Cultural Studies, Film Studies Program, and Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies; The Pittsburgh Romanian Studies Group; and the Romanian Cultural Institute of New York, with assistance from the Romanian National Center for Cinema and Television.

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—Anthony M. Moore
Enlisted as a staff nurse with the U.S. Army, Horoho became the first nurse and first woman to serve as commander of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. While she was head nurse at Walter Reed Army Medical Center’s Emergency Department, the heroic actions of Horoho were cited for extraordinary effort in rescuing victims from Flight 77’s crash into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Horoho’s numerous honors include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Fort Bragg Supervisor of the Year award.

**Bert W. O’Malley**

Bert W. O’Malley, who received his BS and MD degrees from Pitt in 1959 and 1963, respectively, is a medical doctor renowned for his work in the fields of endocrinology, oncology, nutrition, and endocrine cancers. He has helped advance the field of molecular endocrinology by encouraging his colleagues to embrace molecular biology technology.

O’Malley currently serves as the Thomas D. and Alice H. King Professor in Cell Biology and chair of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology in the Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). He also directs BCM’s Center for Reproductive Biology and is associate director for basic science at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

O’Malley served as president of the Endocrine Society and was instrumental in establishing the journal Molecular Endocrinology, one of the most-cited peer-reviewed biomedical science journals. O’Malley has written more than 600 scientific and medical publications and has trained hundreds of technical personnel in the African Nations.

Primas has provided generous financial support to the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is currently a professor of English and creative writing at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Drue Heinz Literature Prize judge Hilary Masters and 2007 winner Kirk Nesset came together for an evening reading Oct. 17 in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium. Nesset, a graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, later received MA and Ph.D degrees in English from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is currently a professor of English and creative writing at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. His most recent books include the Drue Heinz-winning Paradise Road (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007) and My Agonized (Wammeth Press, 2006).


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LAW SCHOOL REUNION

From left, Norman Rubash, Richard Thornburgh, and Derrick Bell, three distinguished graduates from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law’s Class of 1957, were the featured speakers during the law school’s Law Alumni Reunion Weekend, Sept. 28 and 29. The three presented a panel discussion titled “Ethical Challenges Facing Attorneys and Law Schools: The View From 50 Years in the Legal Profession” on Sept. 28 in the Barco Law Building’s Teplitz Memorial Courtroom.

The speakers, whose paths led to careers in legal education, politics, and business, offered perspectives informed by a half-century as practicing attorneys. Thornburgh, formerly governor of Pennsylvania, attorney general of the United States, and undersecretary-general of the United Nations, is currently of counsel at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP. Lawyer, teacher, activist, scholar, and author Bell is a visiting professor of law at New York University School of Law, while Rubash is the retired international executive vice president of Amoco Corporation.

Other reunion events included a reception Sept. 28 and a dinner Sept. 29. At the dinner, held in Alumni Hall’s Connelly Ballroom, Bell and U.S. Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (LAW ’62) were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards.

COLKER LECTURE

Ruth Colker, the Heck Faust Memorial Chair in Constitutional Law at Ohio State University’s Michael E. Moritz College of Law, delivered the keynote lecture, “Why I Only Give Take-Home Exams: A Disability Perspective,” at this year’s Thornburgh Family Lecture Series in Disability Law, held Sept. 27 in the Barco Law Building’s Teplitz Memorial Courtroom. Shown below from left are former Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh (LAW ’57); Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; Colker; and Colker’s parents, Janice and James Colker of Shadyside.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

In cooperation with campus, student, and community organizations, the University of Pittsburgh celebrated International Week from Sept. 23 through 30 with panel discussions, lectures, and international food, dance, art, music, and films.

The annual slate of events is sponsored by the Global Studies Program of Pitt’s University Center for International Studies and the Student Affairs Office of Cross-Cultural and Leadership Development.

At left, The Brazil Nuts Portuguese Club performs the Brazilian samba in ethnic costumes. Above, Mary Burke of the Project to End Human Trafficking, a nonprofit organization working regionally, nationally, and internationally in the antislavery movement, explains human trafficking and some of the ways in which policy makers, public health professionals, and concerned citizens can get involved. Burke is the project’s executive director as well as director of training for the doctoral program in counseling psychology at Carlow University.

Community members who purchased tickets for the Oakland International Restaurant Tour were able to sample a variety of ethnic foods (above right) at participating restaurants.

At right, students, faculty, and staff learn the basics of salsa dancing from instructor Marlon Silva, who gave lessons in the first floor Galleries of Posvar Hall.
Taking a Licking, but Still Ticking: New "eWatch" Measures Life's Daily Stresses
By Sharon S. Blake

A new device developed by a joint team of researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University will allow doctors to more accurately measure the amount of stress people are feeling during their daily lives.

About the size of an ordinary wristwatch, the "eWatch" records a person's skin temperature and activity level, along with ambient light and noise conditions and other data.

Pitt Psychology Professor Thomas Kamarck, director of the University's Behavioral Medicine Research Group, is leading a team that is developing more effective ways of measuring psychosocial stress exposure during the course of daily life.

Kamarck's collaborators include Pitt Psychology Professor Saul Shiffman; Barbara Anderson, Pitt senior research associate in psychology; Daniel Spielman, a former computer science professor who directs that university's Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII); and Asim Smailagic, Carnegie Mellon Research professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Previous studies have determined that people who report highly stressful lifestyles may develop higher rates of a variety of illnesses, ranging from viral infection to heart disease. But quantifying exposure to stress has been difficult, Kamarck says.

"Some say we're exposed to stress when demands we face exceed our resources for dealing with them," says Kamarck, adding that traditional methods of measuring life stress don't quantify the duration or intensity of exposure effectively.

"A husband and wife may react to the death of the same relative very differently," he says. "Furthermore, stress is an ongoing fluctuating process. At what point does a stressor begin or end?"

Kamarck and his collaborators will outfit several hundred participants, five at a time, with "eWatches.

Every 45 minutes over the course of five days, participants will be prompted to take part in a 2-to-3-minute interview administered by the eWatch. It will ask

their response to current activities. Are they working? Is the work hard?

Previous research has shown that responses to such interviews help predict who will show higher rates of plaque development in the arteries, a risk factor for heart attack or stroke.

Using interviews in real time allows researchers to quantify how stressors affect one's daily life, as well as to pinpoint when these effects begin and when they end.

Use of the eWatch technology, developed at HCII, should assist researchers in finding the optimal method for responding to such interviews during daily activities, whether by pressing a button, moving the wrist, or speaking into a wireless device nestled in the user's ear.

Environmental data collected by the eWatch also may assist the researchers in characterizing the types of environments people find most stressful, so that their location may automatically be recorded (for example, whether at home or work) in a manner that will not require the participant's response, potentially reducing the number of interview questions required.

"We want to capture a slice of life in people's daily routine," Kamarck says. "We hope that these new tools will allow us to do so while minimizing disruptions imposed by the act of measurement."

Kamarck also wants to work toward making the measurement very user-friendly for a study participant such as a bus driver, who can't necessarily stop what he is doing to answer questions.

Another part of the project is aimed at improving face-to-face interview measures of chronic stress as well, he says.

Kamarck and his colleagues have received a $426,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for the first year of their four-year project, which is part of a larger NIH initiative to study environmental factors that people encounter every day that may increase their risk of certain diseases.

The study is part of the NIH Genes, Environment, and Health Initiative, a collaboration between geneticists and social and behavioral scientists that will give researchers an unprecedented look at gene-environment interactions and effects on disease across large population samples.

Preparing for Disaster
Pitt, other universities co-organize Regional Energy Infrastructure Conference
By John Fedele

How long will it take to restore essential services after a disaster event? What happens if major portions of the health care and public health infrastructures are disabled? Who is responsible for restoring power?

The University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University (WVU), and Carnegie Mellon University—in association with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory—are co-organizing the Regional Energy Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Conference to address these and other questions Oct. 29-31 at the Holiday Inn Select Pittsburgh at University Center.


Participants include the National Research Center for Coal and Energy and the Advanced Power Engineering Research Center, both at WVU, as well as the Pittsburgh Regional Business Service Coalition, the Allegheny Conference, Indiana University of Pennsylvania's John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, and the Region 13 Counter Terrorism Task Force.

Participants will explore issues in regional coordination for critical infrastructure resiliency and protection.

The program features a tabletop exercise in failure of interdependent infrastructures and presentations by knowledgeable representatives of agencies and organizations with responsibility for critical infrastructure resiliency.

Additionally, information will be presented on disaster recovery and restoration operations, as well as a working session on lessons learned and next steps for improving regional collaboration for resilient infrastructures.

"Attendees at the conference will have the opportunity to participate in an exercise led by emergency experts that simulates a mock emergency," explained Ken Sohats, a Pitt assistant professor, codirector of the Center for National Preparedness, and director of the Visual Information Systems Center.

"Participants will be able to take the lessons learned from the exercise—as well as information from state, federal, and local emergency leaders—back to their organizations, where they can be translated into plans and policies."

Professionals in industry and government from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, and Kentucky are invited to register for the conference and participate in the exercise and conference discussions.

To register or for more information, visit the University of Pittsburgh Center for National Preparedness Web site: www.cnp.pitt.edu/CIRconference.
Anthony Delitto, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, is the first Pitt faculty member to receive the Mary McMillan Award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The award is given to acknowledge and honor a member of the APTA who has made a distinguished contribution to the profession and to provide the recipient with an opportunity to share his or her achievements and ideas with members through a lecture presented at the association’s annual conference. Delitto will address the annual APTA conference June 2008 in San Antonio.

Michael L. Boninger, professor of physical and medical rehabilitation and associate dean for medical student research in Pitt’s School of Medicine, is the recipient of the eighth annual L. Boynton, M.D., Lectureship. This honor is given through the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Robert J. Weber, professor and chair of anatomy and therapeutics in Pitt’s School of Pharmacy, has been chosen to receive the Clifton J. Latiolais Award at the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) Midyear Clinical Meeting at Ohio State University. The annual award is given to an OUS graduate who demonstrates exemplary career accomplishments in hospital pharmacy.

Marilyn Krauske, assistant professor in Pitt’s School of Nursing, has been named to the 2008 Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence at the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Awards Presentation in February in Honolulu. The award is presented in recognition of an active SCCM nurse member for contributions to nursing superiority in critical care practice.

Dede Lunsford, Lars Leksell Professor of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and director of UPMC’s Center For Image-Guided Neurosurgery, was the honored guest and featured speaker at the 2007 Annual Congress of Neurological Surgeons meeting in San Diego in September.

Hans-Christoph Pape, chief of the orthopedic trauma division in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery in Pitt’s School of Medicine, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection and Critical Care. Pape was chosen for his expertise in trauma care and his review of manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Trauma. He will serve on the board for five years.

Kristine Schonder, assistant professor in Pitt’s School of Pharmacy, was named to serve on the board of the American College of Pharmaceutical Education Affairs Committee. The committee is developing a pharmaceutical pharmacy curriculum tool kit to assist schools and colleges of pharmacy in shaping their own curricula.

GlaxoSmithKline Senior Fellow for the year. The award is one of four senior fellowships presented each year by the pharmaceutical company.

Steven L. Kanter, vice dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, has been named the new editor-in-chief of Academic Medicine, the monthly, peer-reviewed journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Kanter will become editor of the journal on Jan. 1, 2008, while maintaining his current position at the University, where he oversees the School of Medicine’s faculty affairs and all academic programs. Kanter has served on the editorial board of American Medicine since 2005. His background includes experience in clinical medicine, medical informatics, medical education, and medical school administration.

Lauren B. Resnick, director of Pitt’s Learning Research and Development Center (LRDC), was honored with the American Psychological Association’s (APA) Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training Award on Aug. 31. The APA established the Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training Award in 1999 to acknowledge the career achievements of psychologists who have contributed to solutions in teaching problems through research findings and evidence-based practices.

Resnick was recognized for her study of how to improve the nation’s schools and for implementing the ideas she developed over several decades, keeping apace with evolving educational issues. Resnick is the eighth APA member to receive the award and one of two current Pitt faculty to be so honored. Pitt’s School of Education Dean Alan M. Leslie received the award in 2001.

Judy McConnahay was named senior director of undergraduate studies in Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences effective Sept. 17. McConnahay has worked in university administration for more than eight years and has expertise in budgeting, personnel management, team building, and policy development. She earned her B.A. in biology and English at Ohio State University and a Master of Public Policy degree at the University of Northern Iowa.

Two faculty members and a student in Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences have been awarded fellowships by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, professor of French literature, received an ACLS Fellowship for her paper The Dream World of Philippe de Mézières (1327-1405): Politics and Spirituality in the Late Middle Ages, which examined the ideals and ideology that defined and divided late medieval Europe and the Near East as well as contemporary religious and political divisions; Cian Dorr, assistant professor of philosophy, received a Charles A. Ryckman Research Fellowship; and Clayton D. Brown, graduate student in history, received an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

ACLS is a nonprofit federation of 69 national scholarly organizations. It describes its mission as “the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies.” More than 200 scholars were honored with fellowships in 2006-07.
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“Catalysis-Based Total Synthesis of Marine Anticancer Agents,” by Alex Furrer, associate professor of organometallic chemistry at Max-Planck-Institute of Germany, 2:30 p.m. Oct. 29, 12A Ch Bonnie Schaefer Hall, Pitt Department of Chemistry, www.chem.pitt.edu.

“Using Single Molecule Spectroscopy to Investigate the Reverse Transcription Mechanism of HIV-1, the AIDS Virus,” by Paul Barbara, director of the Nano- and Molecular Science and Technology at the University of Austin, 4 p.m. Oct. 29, 12 Cheven Science Center, Pitt Department of Chemistry, www.chemistry.pitt.edu.


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Regional Development Summit Will Focus on “Growing Opportunity”
Pitt, Sustainable Pittsburgh host free public summit Nov. 16

By Amanda Leff

Sustainable Pittsburgh, in partnership with the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership in Pitt’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), will present the region’s fourth-annual Regional Equitable Development Summit. Titled “Most Livable Region by Growing Opportunity for All,” the free public summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Blvd., Oakland. It will feature a keynote address by David Rusk and a panel discussion on initiating reforms that will narrow the region’s racial disparities gap.

According to Sustainable Pittsburgh, the region’s sustainability is dependent on increasing social equity, so all people can live and work to their productive potential. The summit is intended to serve as a catalyst for engaging civic leaders in helping advance existing efforts for regional equity in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

“The disparities gap between Blacks and Whites in our region, among the worst in the nation, is a serious human and economic crisis that compromises quality of life and competitiveness,” said Court Gould, executive director of Sustainable Pittsburgh.

Rusk, author of Cities Without Suburbs (Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1993), Baltimore Unbound (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995), and Inside Game/Outside Game (Brookings Institution Press, 2001), is a former chair of the Ways and Means Committee of the New Mexico House of Representatives and former mayor of Albuquerque.

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“...we must be accountable to ensure all people of the region have an opportunity to live to their full productive potential,” said Kevin Kearns, professor of public and nonprofit management in GSPIA and director of the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership.

The summit will feature information on the current work of some of the region’s leading champions of equitable development, as well as provide an opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and ideas.

“The annual Regional Equitable Development Summit plays an important role in illustrating the many ways that our region’s growth and development can either narrow the disparities gap or inadvertently increase it and move us in the wrong direction,” said David Miller, associate dean of GSPIA.

Community panelists will discuss community benefits agreements, minority contracting, environment and public health, access to work, education, affordable housing, workforce development, economic development, and racial and economic inclusion.


The summit is sponsored by the Richard King Mellon Foundation and The Heinz Endowments. To register or for more information, contact Sustainable Pittsburgh at 412-258-6642, or visit its Web site.