

## Chancellor Announces '08 Distinguished Research and Teaching Awardees

By Anthony M. Moore

Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg has named the winners of the 2008 Chancellor's Distinguished Research and Distinguished Teaching awards.

The Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award will be given to the following five Pitt faculty members:

- **Stephen Badylak**, a professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Surgery, deputy director of the Pitt-UPMC McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine (MIRM), and director of MIRM's Center for Pre-Clinical Tissue Engineering;

- **G. Bard Ermentrout**, University Professor of Computational Biology and professor in the Department of Mathematics in the School of Arts and Sciences;

- **Michael Sacks**, William Kepler Whiteford Professor in the Swanson School of Engineering's Department of Bioengineering and director of MIRM's Engineered Tissue Mechanics and Mechanobiology Laboratory;

- **Peter Wipf**, University Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Chemistry, professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the School of Pharmacy, and codirector of Pitt's Drug Discovery Institute; and

- **Wen Xie**, a professor in the School of Pharmacy's Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and a professor of pharmacology in the School of Medicine.

Badylak, Ermentrout, Sacks, and Wipf were honored in the senior scholar category, which recognizes "an outstanding and continuing record of research and scholarly activity."

Xie was honored as a junior scholar "whose exceptional early contributions have demonstrated great potential and have already produced a measure of international standing."

The five winners of the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award are:

- **Jeffrey L. Brodsky**, Avinoff Chair of Biological Sciences and professor in the School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Biological Sciences;

- **Susan M. Dumire**, a professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine and an emergency medicine physician at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital;

- **William M. P. Klein**, a professor



Stephen Badylak



G. Bard Ermentrout



Michael Sacks



Peter Wipf



Wen Xie

in the School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Psychology;

- **John M. McGrath**, a professor in the Department of Management and Marketing at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; and

- **Christina E. Newhill**, a professor in the School of Social Work.

Each awardee will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and be recognized during Pitt's 32nd annual Honors Convocation on Friday, Feb. 29, along with winners of the Chancellor's 2008 Staff Excellence Award. Their names also will be inscribed on plaques in the William Pitt Union.

### Chancellor's Distinguished Research Awards

"You are a pioneer in the fields of biomaterials and tissue engineering, whose medical advances have been used to treat more than 500,000 patients throughout the world," Nordenberg wrote in a Feb. 1 letter notifying **Badylak** of his award. Badylak was one of the first researchers to realize that the best biomaterials for tissue regeneration would be those that are rich in a certain type of protein found *in vivo*. These special proteins, when implanted in the body at the site of a wound, recruit new cells to form tissues identical to the original, injured structures. In addition, Badylak invented new materials that repair and replace damaged human tissues.

Nordenberg wrote that Badylak's "clinical and medical accomplishments are backed up by solid research studies in highly interdisciplinary areas, such as cell biology, surgery, biochemistry, materials science, tissue engineering, and biomechanics."

The chancellor added that Badylak's peers praise him as an innovator in his field, describing him as "a model for how science, technology, and medicine might be coupled in the 21st century."

**Ermentrout** not only possesses an international reputation in mathematical modeling, but is renowned across several disciplines. He is considered to be among the world's top researchers in the field of computational neuroscience.

"There are few fields that your work on mathematical modeling has not touched, and in so doing, made a lasting impact. You are highly sought after for your unique

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insights and contributions to the modeling of neural and biological systems, ranging from the brain, neurons, and cognition to viruses and olfaction," Nordenberg wrote. Ermentrout's work in such leading scientific journals as the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature*, and *Science* has been cited by other researchers more than 135 times per year on the average, with each of his publications receiving an average of more than 27 citations.

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## Alumni Association Names Distinguished Fellows

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association has named three Distinguished Alumni Fellows for 2008:

- **Ralph J. Cappy** (A&S '65, LAW '68), retired chief justice of Pennsylvania;

- **Young Woo Kang** (EDUC '73, '76), president of Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation International; and

- **Roslyn M. Litman** (A&S '49, LAW '52), president of Litman Law Firm, Downtown.

The three fellows will be honored at the University's annual Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. Feb. 29 in Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland.

Brief biographies of the honorees follow.

**Cappy**, chair of Pitt's Board of Trustees, was elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1990 and appointed chief justice in 2003. He retired from the court on Jan. 7, 2008, and has taken a job with the private Downtown law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC.

After graduating from Pitt's law school, Cappy spent one year in private practice. From 1968 to 1978, he held various positions, including first assistant homicide attorney and then deputy director and chief public defender in the Office of the Public Defender. In 1978, Cappy was appointed to be a judge on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and was elected to that court the following year. He later was appointed

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## Support Services for Inmates Reduce Recidivism Rates, Pitt Study Finds

By Sharon S. Blake

Providing services to Allegheny County Jail (ACJ) inmates while they are incarcerated and after their release dramatically reduces the chance of the inmates returning to jail, according to recent data from a study by University of Pittsburgh's Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP).

Hide Yamatani, professor and associate dean of research in Pitt's School of Social Work, was the lead investigator in a three-year project that evaluated the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative. The 25-member group, whose members represent the ACJ and the Allegheny County Departments of Health and Human Services, provides in-jail services to inmates, including drug and alcohol treatment, GED preparation, computer literacy, stress and anger management, parenting skills, life skills, and vocational training.

The study involved a group of 300 ACJ adult male inmates, half of them Black and half White, who agreed to participate and were among those receiving in-jail services. Upon their release from jail, the men were encouraged to seek support services from more than 60 community-based organizations. The former inmates were then interviewed in face-to-face meetings after 30 days, six months, and one year.

Yamatani found that the group of former inmates had a 50 percent lower recidivism rate (16.5 percent) compared to another group of inmates (33.1 percent) of a similar age one year after being released from the ACJ, prior to the launch of the collaborative.

"This is a good model program for other county jails," said Yamatani, who explained his findings last week in a jail conference room crowded with reporters, Pitt Social Work faculty, foundation representatives, Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato, and other county officials. According to Yamatani, the ACJ Collaborative, formed in 1999, is the only system of its kind in the nation to help county jail inmates, though there are some programs at state and federal institutions.

"So often, people have the impression that money spent on inmates and former inmates to receive social services is wasted," said Larry Davis, CRSP director, Donald M. Henderson Professor, and dean of Pitt's School of Social Work. "These findings argue strongly that efforts to help those who have been incarcerated result in significant positive returns for the larger society. We are

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# BrieflyNoted



## Pitt Repertory Theatre Presents Miller's *The American Clock*

The University of Pittsburgh Repertory Theatre, celebrating its 25th anniversary this season, will present the Pittsburgh premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winner Arthur Miller's *The American Clock*.

Directed by Robert C.T. Steele, Pitt's 2008 Richard Rauh Teaching Artist, the play will run from Feb. 20 through March 2 at the Charity Randall Theatre in Pitt's Stephen Foster Memorial.

America's most celebrated playwright takes the audience on a vaudevillian tour of the Great Depression. Based partly on Studs Terkel's *Hard Times* and partly on Miller's own experiences, *The American Clock* exhibits the same sensibility as that found in Miller's better-known works, *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible*. From New York City to America's heartland, the formerly affluent Baum family and its neighbors experience and survive financial ruin. Miller's concise storytelling recreates the desperate era with a series of heart-breaking vignettes that simultaneously indict and celebrate the American spirit.

The ensemble cast of faculty and students plays more than 50 different roles and features Doug Mertz; Bruce McConachie; Elena Alexandratos; and Melanie Dreyer. Live musical numbers enhance the 1930s experience.

Steele's Pitt Rep credits include costume design for numerous productions and directing of *The Hudsucker Proxy*, *Turn of the Screw*, *Raft of the Medusa*, and *Baby Makes Seven*, and *Moby Dick Rehearsed*. Most recently, he designed the set and costumes for the 2004 Pitt Rep production of *Twelfth Night* and directed the 2006 Pitt Rep production of *Tales of the Lost Formicans*.

Tickets are \$22 for general admission; \$19 for Pitt faculty, staff, and alumni; and \$12 for students. Additional information is available at [www.play.pitt.edu](http://www.play.pitt.edu) or the box office at 412-624-PLAY (7529).

—By Sharon S. Blake

## Philip Gourevitch Will Give Reading on Feb. 27

Philip Gourevitch, editor of *The Paris Review* and a longtime staff writer for *The New Yorker*, will give a literary reading on Feb. 27 in the Frick

Fine Arts Building Auditorium.

The event, which is part of the Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series 2007-08 season, will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Gourevitch, the 2007-08 William Block Sr. Writer, has reported from Africa, Asia, and Europe for a number of magazines, including *Granta*, *Harper's*, and *The New York Review of Books*. He is perhaps best known for his first book, *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda* (Picador, 1999), which tells the story of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Gourevitch published his second book, *A Cold Case* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), in 2001. *A Cold Case* is a police procedural based on the true story of a murder in New York City in 1970. Gourevitch's books have been translated into 10 languages. His work has earned numerous awards and honors, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, The *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, and the Overseas Press Club Book Award.

A native of New England, Gourevitch earned a bachelor's degree at Cornell University in 1986. Before turning to nonfiction, he received a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction from Columbia University.

Gourevitch is the series' seventh William Block Sr. Writer, a title created to honor the former *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* publisher for his support of the Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series. Former honorees have included Richard Ford, Michael Ondaatje, and Patrick McCabe.

The Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series, which runs through April 2, is cosponsored by Pitt's Book Center, Women's Studies Program, and University of Pittsburgh Press. All events in the Writers Series are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jeff Oaks at [oaks@pitt.edu](mailto:oaks@pitt.edu).

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## Panel Discussion to Examine State of U.S. Military

With the continuing debate regarding the war in Iraq, the next U.S. president will face major challenges in redefining the military's missions, force structure, and deployment issues. The University of Pittsburgh's Matthew B. Ridgway Center and the World Affairs Council will host a panel discussion examining the state of our military titled "National Security for a New Era."

The event will be held at 4 p.m. Feb. 26 in Room 630 of the William Pitt Union.

The participants are members of the Current Affairs Panel of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., and affiliated with the Eisenhower Series College Program. The Eisenhower program is an academic outreach program established by the Department of the Army to encourage dialogue on national security and other public policy issues between students of the U.S. Army War College and the civilian public.

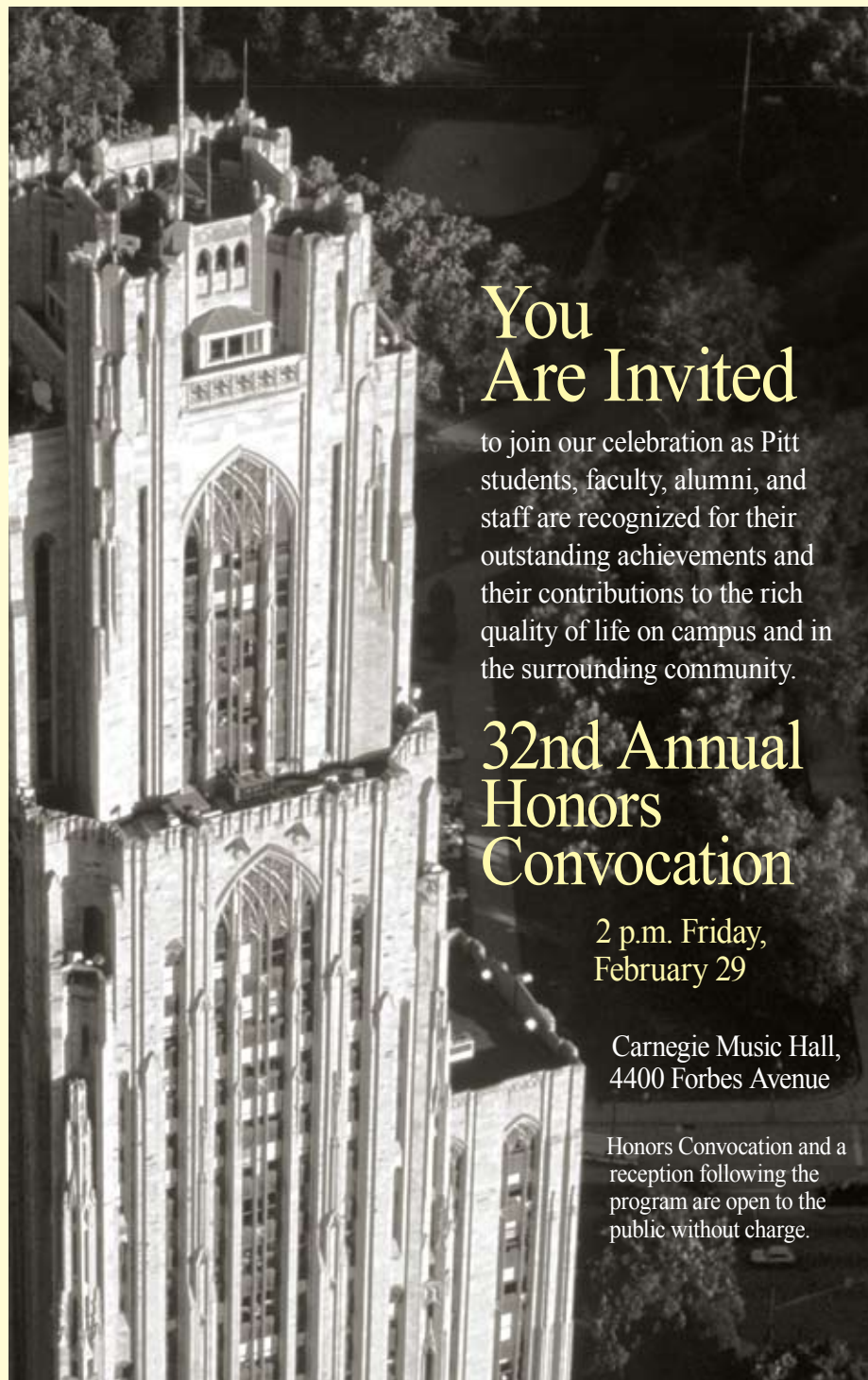
The U.S. Army War College panelists for the event include Col. Mike Hoadley, Col. John Cho, Col. Thomas Evans, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kelly, Lt. Col. Mike Sweeney, and Col. Lora Tucker.

Panelists' biographic information is available on the Matthew B. Ridgway Center Web site at [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu).

The Matthew B. Ridgway Center is part of Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

For more information, contact Beverly Brizzi at 412-624-7884.

—By Amanda Leff



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**On Feb. 18, 1819, the Pennsylvania State Legislature approved the charter for what would become known later as the University of Pittsburgh.**

At the time, Pittsburgh was rising in prominence as an industrial city and the largest city west of the Alleghenies, according to Robert C. Albert's *Pitt: The Story of the University of Pittsburgh 1787-1987*. Yet the city's young people still had to travel several hundred miles east to receive a higher education, putting them in jeopardy of "falling prey to all the moral dangers of living far from home in a strange city," Albert wrote.

In late 1818, the Pittsburgh Academy's trustees petitioned the legislature for a charter for the Western University of Pennsylvania. Once approved, the legislators also granted the institution 40 acres of land.



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Kaleab Abebe

## A Love of Numbers

Kaleab Abebe lives and works in parallel worlds where numbers mean everything—and nothing



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Kaleab Abebe

By Morgan Kelly

Numbers.

Kaleab Abebe, a doctoral student in Pitt's Department of Statistics, studies them, searching for the pattern, meaning, and effect of quantities on specific outcomes. Too many or too few of certain factors can have a subtle yet far-reaching influence. Numbers can mean everything, even when people think they mean nothing.

But growing up as an African American in Goshen, Ind., taught him exactly the opposite.

In the year 2000, of every 100 Goshen residents, 1.5 were Black. His family alone had more than twice the latter. They were indisputably in the minority in Goshen, but Abebe and his brother learned that, in some cases, numbers have only the value people assign them.

"I know that I'm a minority, but I never wake up and say 'Today will be rough because I'm Black,'" Abebe said. "There are too many people who think that way, and it's a detriment to them. My parents said that I can't be naïve about racism, but neither can I use other people's feelings as an excuse."

Abebe laughed. "Maybe that's why my brother and I did so well in northern Indiana."

Now, at 26, Abebe realizes the irony of pursuing a career in statistics where, sometimes, race means a lot. As does age, health, and environment. He works to find meaning in classifications that his parents raised him to find meaningless.

Abebe's doctoral work comes during an impressive tenure in Pitt's statistics department, according to

Satish Iyengar, his advisor and a Pitt statistics professor and department chair.

"At this early stage, I can say that Kaleab has qualities that bode well for a successful research career," he said. "He is certainly curious. He knows what he does not know and readily seeks out help when he needs it. When addressing a problem, he studies it thoroughly before planning a course of action. Research is a highly social endeavor, and he fits this environment very well. Our graduate director (statistics professor Leon Gleser) calls him a natural leader who gets things done."

Abebe knew little about Pittsburgh or the University before moving here in 2004. He earned his bachelor's degree in math at his hometown's eponymous Goshen College in 2003 and enrolled at Pitt after his wife, Alyssa, began the physician assistant graduate program at Chatham University.

Once he began his studies, the caliber of research in Pitt's statistics department impressed him. Abebe credits the department's research-intensive environment for helping his work. He earned his master's degree in statistics at Pitt in 2006, the same year his wife graduated from Chatham with her master's degree. They now live in Highland Park. Abebe hopes to defend his dissertation by the end of next year and pursue a career in research, possibly as a university professor.

The son of an Ethiopian father and an African American mother, Abebe says his perception of race is a combination of awareness and dismissal. It is rooted in one parent growing up in a Black nation where color really did not matter and the other enduring a nation where race meant everything.

If asked, Abebe talks about being African American in Indiana, in general.

As his parents taught him, he clearly puts little stock in it, feels neither exceptional nor cursed. Sometimes it mattered, mostly it didn't, and his life progressed. He's far from out-of-touch with his roots. His father came to the United States in the 1970s with every intention to return home. Instead, he stayed and raised a family, but named his sons as if in his homeland: Ashenafi and Kaleab (pronounced "kah-lahb"), meaning "The Word of God."

But Abebe prefers discussing his work, the numbers and their meaning.

In a tight cubicle on the Cathedral of Learning's 26th floor, Abebe pores over statistics on drug trials administered at clinics across the nation. He focuses on trials for antidepressant medications that include a therapy component.

Abebe wants to gauge the effect that patient demographics and site-specific characteristics—such as the medical specialty of a particular clinic—have on the effectiveness of treatment. He's trying to develop a means of quantifying the influence of those factors.

Abebe started his research a year and a half ago after being introduced to a meta analysis—a statistical technique that combines the results of several studies—by his advisor, Iyengar. Iyengar and colleagues at UPMC's Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic had assessed the efficacy of antidepressant medication compared to the risk of suicide in adolescents with depression. The findings were featured in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in

April 2007.

One pattern that surfaced showed that as the number of trial sites increased, the effect of treatment decreased. Abebe began investigating the cause and realized that as a trial involves more sites with differing demographics, those characteristics clash.

Now he strives to find out why and how.

"Most investigators want to get as many sites involved as they can, but this analysis suggests that the more sites involved, the treatment effect actually decreases," Abebe explained.

"If you keep adding sites, the variability from site to site will be so great that it will mask the true treatment effect. I'm trying to find out the cause of this degradation and the best way to quantify it."

As it is, Abebe's idea contradicts conventional wisdom regarding multi-site trials—and it could set a new guideline in conducting drug trials, a sentiment shared by Iyengar.

"Multi-site studies are increasingly common, so I expect that Kaleab's thesis work will have wide applicability in clinical trials," Iyengar said.

Ethiopia.

Abebe's father, Zenebe Abebe, told him that he rarely experienced racism day-to-day growing up in Ethiopia.

"Me and other African Americans will never know what that's like, to not know racism and then to have a point where we discover it—it's always been there to us," Abebe said. "But not for my father, and that influenced how he raised us."

Conversely, color defined every aspect of his mother Barbara's youth in Memphis, Tenn. She grew up in the mode of segregation, coexisting without interacting. Like her future husband, she lived in a Black world, but one to which she was relegated.

In the 1960s, that social order was in upheaval in Memphis and cities across the South. In her senior year of high school, Barbara attended class with White students

for the first time. Boiling racial tension exploded in 1968 with the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis. Riots emanated from Barbara's hometown and consumed more than 100 American cities over the next month.

Abebe's mother took from this that racism, a very real and destructive force, will endure at some level. But, again, a person can refuse to be tethered to it.

"My parents raised two African American boys in a mostly White county—in a mostly White country for that matter. They had to instill that in us," Abebe said.

"People have bad experiences, but you can only dwell on that for so long. 'That's the way I live.'"

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Ermentrout's colleagues, in letters supporting his nomination, described him as "a genius, an outstanding scholar, and a prolific contributor to several disciplines" who has garnered both national and international recognition and respect for his contributions, the chancellor said.

**Sacks** is a leader in the field of the mechanical behavior of biological and bioprosthetic tissues. He also possesses noted expertise in heart valve analysis and replacement.

In the award letter, Nordenberg praised Sacks, writing that he "has both developed novel methods to analyze tissue structure and conducted pioneering work in the experimental and theoretical understanding of soft tissue mechanics."

*Scientific American* named Sacks one of the top 50 researchers for 2006 for his seminal work on the biomechanics of biological scaffolds for cardiac regeneration.

Colleagues regard Sacks as a world leader in heart valve mechanics and, in letters of support for his nomination, described him as "a leading investigator in the solid mechanics and functional fibrous architecture of heart valves and other collagenous tissues," Nordenberg wrote.

"They conclude that you are at the top of your field," the chancellor stated in his letter, quoting one of Sacks' peers saying that Sacks "has established himself as the world leader in heart valve mechanics."

**Wipf** is known as one of the preeminent researchers in the field of organic synthesis.

Nordenberg called Wipf "a true leader and visionary ... who works at the interface of organic and biological chemistry. You developed a vast repertoire of new synthetic chemistry methodologies, which you have used to create numerous structurally diverse and biologically important organic compounds."

Nordenberg praised Wipf for his leadership of both the Center of Chemical Methodologies and the Chemical Library Development Program, as well as for the 300 peer-reviewed articles he has had published over the past 23 years. Those efforts helped to raise the level of organic chemistry scholarship at Pitt, the chancellor wrote.

Colleagues regard Wipf as one of the world-class stars of contemporary organic chemistry. The chancellor also cited comments from Wipf's colleagues, who said that Wipf has "shown the world that clever synthetic design, when coupled to comprehensive cellular and *in vivo* evaluation, cannot only open our eyes to key disease pathways, but lead to useful therapeutics."

Nordenberg wrote to **Wen Xie**, an



Jeffrey L. Brodsky



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John M. McGrath



Christina E. Newhill

acknowledged pioneer in the field of pharmacogenetics and toxicology, that "your rise to prominence in your discipline has been nothing short of spectacular."

Xie possesses an impressive record of grant support, which includes three currently funded NIH R01 grants, and an imposing publication record, which includes 54 peer-reviewed articles, the chancellor said. Xie's papers have been published in such esteemed journals as *Science*, the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature*, and *Cell*, the chancellor noted.

"Your reputation extends far beyond the University," Nordenberg added.

Letters of recommendation for the award from established senior investigators referred to Xie as "a scientific force to be reckoned with and a rising star in both the nuclear receptor and toxicogenomic fields," the chancellor wrote.

## Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Awards

"This honor ... recognizes your contributions to the education of the next generation of scientists and scholars in the biological sciences," Nordenberg wrote in the letter notifying **Brodsky** of his award. In undergraduate- and graduate-level courses, "your ability to relate real-life examples to topics in molecular biology has excited students and enabled them to master difficult underlying principles while also acquiring critical thinking skills," the letter continued.

Nordenberg noted that a number of Brodsky's students have won prestigious national awards and coauthored articles in peer-reviewed scientific publications.

"Your commitment to teaching is further evidenced by the sharing of your teaching methods through CIDDE [The Center for Instructional Development & Distance Education] activities, your participation in several community outreach efforts involving the public schools, and your development of a graduate Teaching Minor for your department," the chancellor said.

**Dunmire** was recognized for her commitment to the education of medical students and residents in emergency medicine.

"As a physician-educator for the past 20 years, you have invested significant time and effort in providing students with opportunities to develop the decision-making skills so important in your medical area," Nordenberg wrote. He cited Dunmire's creation of more than 60 critical patient scenarios with hands-on simulation that enable students to practice skills in a safe setting.

The chancellor praised Dunmire for creating a course of study that enables students to face real-world clinical scenarios. "The new course you recently created, Get Ready for Residency, and its accompanying

handbook received rave reviews for its creativity and relevance. Interspersing lectures with emergency phone calls and response situations simulates the hospital conditions that residents will face; your students greatly appreciate your efforts to prepare them for the reality of clinical practice."

**Klein** was honored for his teaching excellence in a variety of settings, including large introductory classes, upper-level undergraduate courses, graduate seminars, and the one-on-one mentoring of both undergraduate and graduate students.

"You infuse your teaching with your research expertise in social psychology and health psychology; your passion for both teaching and research impresses and inspires your students. Creative methods like debates, mock trials, and group problem-solving projects encourage student engagement with the learning process," Nordenberg wrote.

The chancellor praised Klein for his work as both the director of Undergraduate Studies in Psychology and chair of the Undergraduate Education Committee. "You have been influential in revising the major and increasing student exposure to writing and research experiences. These and numerous other teaching-related activities you have undertaken have gained you the well-deserved reputation as a champion of undergraduate education."

Nordenberg wrote **McGrath** that he was chosen for the award because of the important role he plays in the marketing program at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

"You are involved with students at all levels, having responsibility for most of the required and elective courses in marketing. In addition to your teaching load of at least four classes each term, you advise a large number of marketing students and the local student chapter of the American Marketing Association, volunteer your marketing expertise in the community, and publish and present your research," Nordenberg wrote.

In particular, the chancellor cited McGrath's volunteer work within the community. "The service-learning projects your students conduct in local, nonprofit agencies are rewarding for the students and benefit the community by providing invaluable assistance that these agencies could not afford otherwise."

**Newhill** has taught and been involved with the graduate education of social work students for 17 years.

"Your previous clinical experience as a psychiatric social worker enriches your teaching through the use of case examples, videotapes or client interviews, and creative assignments that challenge students to examine their own attitudes," Nordenberg wrote.

"Your reputation for presenting rigorous, well-organized comprehensive courses is legendary, and students vie for admission to them. Students reference their notes from your classes long after they have graduated, and also consider you a role model for the respect and empathy you want them to show their clients," Nordenberg continued.

The chancellor praised Newhill's role in advancing the School of Social Work's academic mission. "You have contributed to curricular revisions in the popular Direct Practice concentration that you chair, have helped the large number of adjunct faculty in your school become better teachers, and have communicated your mental health expertise through your research publications and presentations," he wrote.



## Panel to Feature Five National Reporters Covering the Primaries

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh Honors College and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* will sponsor a panel discussion, "2008 Political Pundits: On The Bus and on The Beat," on Feb. 21.

The discussion, featuring five nationally acclaimed journalist covering the presidential primaries, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of The Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Blvd., Oakland.

Featured panelists are Glen Johnson, Massachusetts State House bureau chief for the Associated Press (AP); Indira Lakshmanan, national political reporter for Bloomberg News; James O'Toole, politics editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*; Mike Pride, editor of the *Concord (N.H.) Monitor*; and Maeve Reston, staff writer for the *Los Angeles Times*. David Shribman, executive editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, will moderate.

Those interested in attending the free public event must RSVP by e-mail [uhcevent@pitt.edu](mailto:uhcevent@pitt.edu), by phone 412-624-6880, or via Fax at 412-624-6885, providing name, phone number, and the names of any additional attendees.

**Johnson**, the primary author of "Beacon Hill," a weekly analysis of political developments in and around Boston, has been a member of AP's national political team since last fall.

Johnson covered George W. Bush's presidential campaign for the AP in 1999 and John Kerry's presidential campaign for the *Boston Globe* in 2004.

He rejoined the AP in March 2005, initially as a Washington reporter covering the Social Security debate. In August 2005, he returned to Boston and was named Massachusetts State House bureau chief. He was assigned to cover the Mitt Romney presidential campaign and assists with coverage of the GOP race.

**Lakshmanan** has been writing news and features on the campaign trail and from Washington, D.C., since last December.

Previously, she was a foreign correspondent for the *Boston Globe* on three continents over a span of 12 years.

A native of Pittsburgh, Lakshmanan is a graduate of Allderdice High School and Harvard University. She was awarded a Rotary fellowship for graduate work at Oxford University, and in 2003 was a Nieman journalism fellow at Harvard.

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# Support Services for Inmates Reduce Recidivism Rates, Pitt Study Finds



From left: Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato; Hide Yamatani, professor and associate dean of research in Pitt's School of Social Work; Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge Donna Jo McDaniel; and Larry Davis, the Donald M. Henderson Professor and dean of Pitt's School of Social Work.

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sure that many of the men who participated in this study are now spending time parenting their children—something they would not be doing had they not been provided services by the ACJ Collaborative.”

Other highlights of the study show :

- An annual savings for Allegheny County of more than \$5.3 million, with the greatest cost savings in the areas of increased public safety and reduced victimization among county residents;
- No statistically significant differences in the recidivism rate between Black and White collaborative inmate participants, in contrast to national recidivism trends;
- Improved housing for both Black and White inmates one year after their release from jail;
- Higher enrollment in community-based service organizations; and
- Increased employment for former

White inmates, and an unchanged employment level for Blacks.

“Were it not for this program, our jail population would be much higher,” said Onorato as he publicly thanked Pitt for the research.

“These findings validate the efforts of the ACJ Collaborative to save tax dollars and successfully reintegrate former inmates back into our community, thereby increasing public safety,” Onorato said, adding that reducing recidivism helps eliminate the “revolving door mentality,” where people get stuck in a cycle they can’t exit.

Yamatani’s study was funded by the Human Services Integration Fund, which comprises 16 local foundations. More information about the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative can be found at [www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/jail.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/jail.aspx).

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**O’Toole**, also a Pittsburgh native, has covered politics and government for the *Post-Gazette* for more than 25 years—because he doesn’t know how to do anything else, he says.

Over that time, he’s been assigned to the Allegheny County beat, served as the paper’s state government correspondent in Harrisburg, and covered Congress and national issues as the *Post-Gazette*’s Washington correspondent. He’s also worked on such national stories as the aftermath of the crash of United Flight 93, on Sept. 11, 2001.

He has covered every presidential election and nominating convention since 1984 (with the exception of the 1992 campaign, when the paper was on strike).

**Pride** has been editor of the *Concord Monitor*, New Hampshire’s capital city newspaper, since 1983. This year’s New Hampshire presidential primary was the eighth in which he either supervised or participated in the *Monitor*’s coverage.

Pride is in his ninth year on the board of the Pulitzer Prizes, which he co-chairs. He is a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and received the National Press Foundation’s Editor of the Year award in 1987 for directing his paper’s coverage of the Challenger disaster.

**Reston** is a native of Washington, D.C., who began her reporting career in Texas after graduating from Cornell University in 1999 with a degree in English literature.

During a two-year stint at the *Austin American-Statesman*, she covered suburban politics, education, and the Texas state house. Reston joined the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in 2003 to cover the 2004 presidential campaign—initially from New Hampshire. At the conclusion of the campaign, Reston moved to Washington to cover Congress for the *Post-Gazette*. She became a reporter on the Metro desk of the *Los Angeles Times* in the summer of 2006 and is on temporary assignment for the paper’s national desk, covering the 2008 presidential campaign.

**Shribman** was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism in 1995 for his coverage of Washington and the American political scene. Before coming to Pittsburgh, he was the Washington, D.C., bureau chief of the *Boston Globe*. He also worked in various positions for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Star*, and *The Buffalo News*. His column, “National Perspective,” is syndicated to more than 50 papers nationally, and he is a contributing editor for *Fortune* magazine.

## Alumni Association Names Distinguished Fellows

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as administrative judge of the court’s civil division, serving from 1986 to 1990.

Cappy has served on the University’s Board of Trustees since 1992 and has been its chair since 2003. He also is on Pitt’s School of Law Board of Visitors, where he is past chair. Other board service includes serving on UPMC’s Board of Directors since 1998 and as its vice chair since 2003.

Among Cappy’s honors are an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Widener University, Pitt School of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award, Pitt Legacy Laureate, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Citation of Merit, Pennsylvania State Police Man of the Year, Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police Man of the Year, Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Award, Sons of Italy Man of the Year, Italian Heritage Foundation Man of the Year, the Allegheny County Academy of Trial Lawyers Judicial Service Award, and in 2007, the Harry Carrico Award from the National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Va. In addition, the late U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed Cappy to the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, on which he still serves.

Cappy also received the Bar Medals from both the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania bar associations. The Pennsylvania Bar Medal is one of only nine bar medals, awarded in the association’s 112-year history. He was admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1975 and is a member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and American Bar associations. He was elected a fellow of the American Bar and Allegheny Bar foundations in 1996.

**Kang**, who grew up in Korea and was blinded while playing soccer as a child, is known worldwide for his accomplishments as a disability advocate.

Kang faced discrimination in Korea after his accident and was told that his only career options were to become a fortune-teller or masseuse. He persisted in his fight against discrimination and became the first blind graduate of Yonsei University in Korea. Through support from a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, Kang came to Pitt in 1973 and, over the next three years, earned master’s degrees in special education and rehabilitation counseling as well as a doctorate in education. He became the first blind Korean to earn a doctoral degree.

Kang is a presidential appointee to the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency that makes recommendations to the president and U. S. Congress regarding issues affecting those with disabilities. He also is the founding president of the Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation, a nonprofit organization in the United States and Korea that promotes equal participation for the disabled.

Kang’s advocacy work includes serving as senior advisor at the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, vice chair of the World Committee on Disability, and a board member, from 1998 to 2004, of the Goodwill Industries International.

His publications include *The Wisdom-Driven Life: Seven Keys to Successful Living* (Abingdon Press, 2007), *My Disability—God’s Ability: 7 Principles of Triumphant*

*Life* (Abingdon Press, 2004), and *A Light in My Heart: Faith and Hope and the Handicapped* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1987), an autobiography published in six languages, made into an audio book, and adapted in Korea into a television drama in 1994 and a motion picture in 1997.

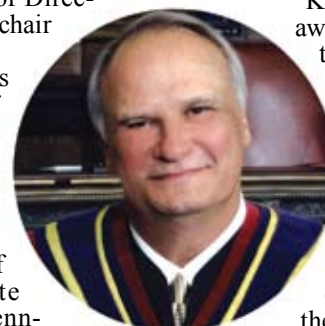
Kang has received numerous awards, including Commemorative Chair at Henry Wallace Visitors Center in Hyde Park, N.Y., Fairfax County Annual Human Rights Award in 2006, Yonsei University 2006 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Michigan State University’s Global Korea Award from the Council on Korean Studies in 2004, the Honorary Doctorate in Literature from Yonsei University in 2002, and Asian American Alliance’s Outstanding Contribution Award in 2002. The South Korean government honored Kang during its 50th anniversary in 1998 with the Outstanding Korean Living Abroad award, and in 1992, the Rotary Foundation gave him the 75 Candles award at its 75th anniversary, given to 75 Rotarians who had made significant contribution to world peace and understanding.

**Litman** has been a pioneer for women in the legal profession. After graduating first in her Pitt law school class, she founded Litman & Litman with her late husband, David, in 1952. She is a former adjunct professor of trial advocacy at Pitt and was the law school’s first female adjunct faculty member.

A member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Litman serves on the Greater Pittsburgh chapter’s board of directors and on the national board’s executive committee. She is a fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. In 1974, she was chair and, in 1975, president of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Antitrust and Class Action Section, and president of its Federal Court Section in 1990. Litman is a Life Fellow of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, served as director of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute from 1979 to 1982, and was on both the Board of Governors and House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She also served on several sections of the American Bar Association. Litman serves as a permanent delegate to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, has served on the Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee, and chaired the Civil Justice Advisory Group of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Among Litman’s many honors are the Roscoe Pound Foundation’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy in 1996, Pitt School of Law’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996, the Federal Lawyer of the Year in 1999, the Marjorie H. Matson Civil Libertarian Award in 1999, Pitt Women’s Association Woman of the Year Award in 2001, and the Academy of Trial Lawyers Distinguished Service Award in 2004. She also is listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for alternative dispute resolution.

Over the years, Litman has handled several prominent cases, including one against the National Basketball Association and another as chief lawyer for the ACLU against Allegheny County in the case of whether two separate holiday displays on public property violated the First Amendment’s establishment of religion clause.



Ralph J. Cappy



Young Woo Kang



Roslyn M. Litman



# Awards & More



**Anthony J. DeArdo**, the William Kepler Whiteford Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science in the Swanson School of Engineering, received a three-year appointment as a distinguished professor to the University of Oulu in Finland. He was one of four professors from around the world selected by the Finland Distinguished Professor Program (FiDiPro) to lead and advise a research project at a Finnish university.

FiDiPro helps Finnish universities recruit experts in various fields and is operated by the Academy of Finland and Tekes, an organization that supports and coordinates research and development projects in Finland for

the Finnish government.

DeArdo directs the Swanson School's Basic Metals Processing Research Institute (BAMPRI), a world-renowned research facility serving the basic metals industry through development and implementation of the latest products and processing technology. BAMPRI helps compensate for the metal production industry's scaling back of in-house research and development in recent decades.

During his appointment, DeArdo will lend his 30-plus years of experience in steel development to help bolster the University of Oulu's new Center for Advanced Steel Research, a BAMPRI specialty. The institute focuses on developing the next generations of steel, particularly microalloyed steel, a cost-effective and high-quality

material. In Oulu, DeArdo said, he will help cultivate and maintain relationships with the local steel industry and manufacturing sector, assist and advise university research programs, and supervise undergraduate and graduate students.

"This appointment represents a highly visible acknowledgement of the quality and reputation of research at Pitt and the Swanson School," DeArdo said. "Given that only a few of these appointments have been granted throughout Finland's entire university system, it really is quite an honor for me, BAMPRI, the Swanson School, and Pitt."

DeArdo said that while he plans to spend as much time as possible in Finland, he will travel between Oulu and Pittsburgh during his three-year appointment.

The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford has appointed **James T. Cobb Jr.**, an emeritus professor at the University of Pittsburgh with extensive experience in energy research, as acting director of its new Energy Institute.

"Dr. Cobb has all of the attributes we had hoped to find in a director—extensive knowledge in the energy field, practical, ground-level experience in the industry, and enthusiasm for potential renewable energy options," said Livingston Alexander, president of Pitt-Bradford.

Cobb has been a faculty member in the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering at the Pittsburgh campus since 1970. He earned his master of science and doctorate degrees in chemical engineering at Purdue University and a bachelor of science in chemical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His current research involves the development, demonstration, and commercialization of wood- and grass-energy projects. He consults with a number of agencies and companies on projects related to biomass energy and has published numerous articles on turning biomass into gas.

As acting director, Cobb will work to develop the institute, which will foster the study of both traditional fossil-fuel applications and renewable energy sources. The institute will also serve as a resource to commercial projects and seek to bolster the regional economy.

Possible projects include creating biodiesel fuel or lubricants from plant oils, gasification technology, experimental wind turbines, and converting municipal solid waste into energy.

Students will be able to participate in faculty research with possible industrial applications. In addition to involving students in research, Cobb will assist faculty in developing an interdisciplinary bachelor's

degree program in energy technology.

**Marilyn Alberter** and **Jeanine Lawn** were awarded the President's Staff Awards for Excellence in Service at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Alberter, Pitt-Johnstown registrar, received the President's Staff Award for Excellence in Service to the University. A driving force behind the successful implementation of PeopleSoft on campus, Alberter was commended for her consistent efforts to serve students, faculty, and staff.

"Her 'can-do' attitude has transformed the Registrar's Office into one that is student-centered and always cheerful," said Pitt-Johnstown President Jem Spectar.

Lawn, director of financial aid, received the President's Staff Award for Excellence in Service to the Community. She was recognized for her involvement in numerous service projects, including Habitat for Humanity, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Arthritis Foundation, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

"Through her volunteerism, Mrs. Lawn has shown the high value placed on community service as she serves as an inspiration to those around her," Spectar said.



James T. Cobb Jr.



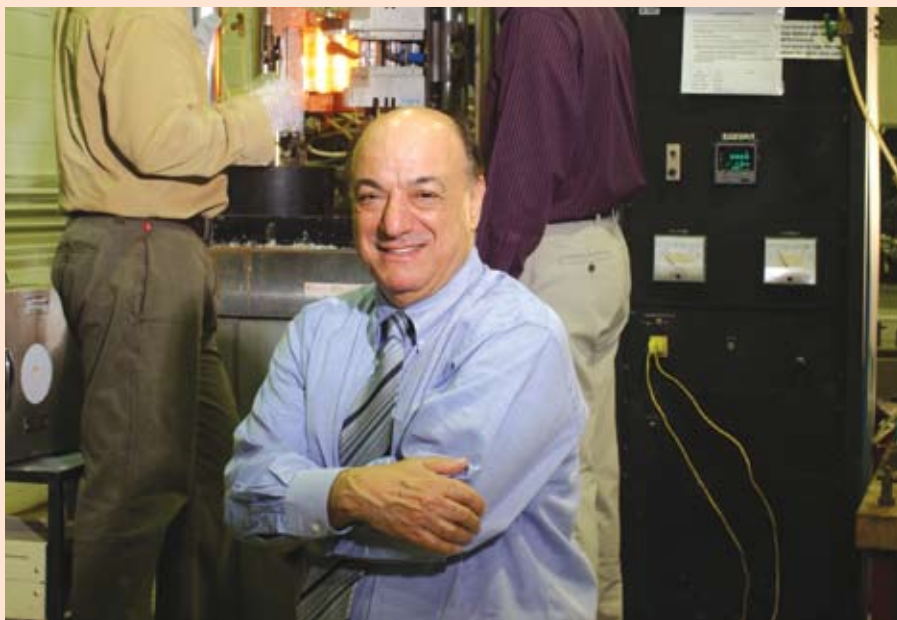
George Bandik

Pitt's School of Arts and Sciences recently awarded **George Bandik**, director of undergraduate studies in the chemistry department, the 2007-08 Ampco-Pittsburgh Prize for Excellence in Advising.

The \$4,000 prize recognizes Bandik's outstanding record of academic advising and the many contributions that he has made to help students maximize their educational experience, particularly through outreach and chemistry tutoring programs. Among his roles, Bandik serves as faculty advisor to Pitt's award winning American Chemical Society-Student Affiliates, a nationally recognized undergraduate organization that promotes knowledge and appreciation of chemistry.

Bandik also received the Bellet Teaching Award in 2001, the Carnegie Science Center Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1998, and the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1993.

He received his doctoral degree from Pitt in 1992 and currently teaches organic chemistry, honors organic lab, and chemistry for health-related professions. He also teaches the writing course for senior chemistry majors.



Anthony J. DeArdo



# Happenings



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**Kuntu Repertory Theater, *Telling Our Stories* Exhibition, through February 29**

## Concerts

**University of Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**, featuring Sibelius' Violin Concerto, Joe Liu, soloist, 8 p.m. **Feb. 20**, Bellefield Hall Auditorium, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 412-394-4900, [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org).

**Romeo and Juliet**, conducted by Marin Alsop, **Feb. 21-23**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 412-394-4900, [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org).

**Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra**, featuring selections by Stravinsky, Torke, and Bizet, 2 p.m. **Feb. 24**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-392-4872, [www.pyso.us](http://www.pyso.us).

## Exhibitions

**709 Penn Gallery, *Celebrating Life and Death in West Africa*, through Feb. 22**, 709 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**Benedum Center, *Showcase Noir***, exhibition and sale, 10 a.m. **Feb. 23**, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**William Pitt Union, *The Black Arts Expo***, 4 p.m. **Feb. 23**, Pitt Black Action Society, 412-648-7880.

**Society for Contemporary Craft, *Nick Cave*, through Feb. 23**, 2100 Smallman St., Strip District, 412-261-7003, [www.contemporarycraft.org](http://www.contemporarycraft.org).

**Phipps Conservatory, *Chihuly at Phipps: Garden and Glass*, through Feb. 24**, 1 Schenley Park, Oakland, 412-622-6914, [www.phipps.conservatory.org](http://www.phipps.conservatory.org).

**Hillman Library**, Audubon print, *Black-poll Warbler*, through Feb. 25, 412-648-7715.

**Kuntu Repertory Theatre, *Telling Our Stories* exhibition, through Feb. 29**, City-County Building lobby, 414 Grant St., Downtown, 412-351-7702, [info@kuntu.org](mailto:info@kuntu.org).

**KOA Art Gallery, *The Boundless Journey* by Dennis Driscoll, through Feb. 29**, Blaisdell Hall, Pitt-Bradford, 814-362-0248, [www.upb.pitt.edu](http://www.upb.pitt.edu).

**707 Penn Gallery, *Totally Maybe*, through March 1**, 707 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**SPACE Gallery, *Hot Metal*, through March 15**, 812 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-325-7723, [www.spacepittsburgh.org](http://www.spacepittsburgh.org).

**Carnegie Museum of Art, *Forum 61: Lowry Burgess, through March 23; Great British Art: 200 Years of Watercolors, Drawings, and Prints From the Bank of New York Mellon Collection, through May 18; Ecology.Design.Synergy, Feb. 23-June 1***, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, [www.cmoa.org](http://www.cmoa.org).

**Andy Warhol Museum, *Ron Mueck at the Andy Warhol Museum, through March 30; Canis Major: Andy Warhol's Cats and Dogs (and Other Party Animals) through May 4***, 117 Sandusky St., Northside, 412-237-8300, [www.warhol.org](http://www.warhol.org).

**Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, *One Potter's Touch Affects a Generation of Artists and Their Communities*, Kerr Gallery, through April 4**, 1815 Metropolitan St., Northside, 412-322-1773, [www.manchesterguild.org](http://www.manchesterguild.org).

**Wood Street Gallery, *Urban Living*, through April 5**, 601 Wood St., Downtown, 412-471-5605, [www.woodstreetgalleries.org](http://www.woodstreetgalleries.org).

**Silver Eye Center for Photography, *In Search of America***, photographs by David Graham, through April 12, 1015 E. Carson St., South Side, 412-431-1810, [www.silvereye.org](http://www.silvereye.org).

**Mattress Factory, *Gestures: Illustrations of Catastrophe and Remote Times*, through May 11**, 500 Sampsonia Way, Northside, 412-231-3169, [www.mattress.org](http://www.mattress.org).

**Carnegie Science Center, *Bodies: The Exhibition*, through May 31**, 1 Allegheny Ave., North Shore, 412-237-3400, [www.carnegiesciencecenter.org](http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org).

## Lectures/Seminars/Readings

**"Global Issues and Policy Implications for the Pittsburgh Region,"** U.S. Sen. Robert Casey, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, noon-1:30 p.m. **today**, The Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant St., Downtown, [www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org](http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org).

**"Origins of an Ailing Polemic: The Neo-Liberal Critique of American Evangelicalism in Its Cold War Context,"** Jason Stevens, professor of English at Harvard University, 4 p.m. **today**, 501 Cathedral of Learning, [www.protocolpage.com/paulbove](http://www.protocolpage.com/paulbove).

**Sarah Paretsky**, author, 7:30 p.m. **today**, Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Drue Heinz Lecture Series, 412-622-8866, [www.pittsburghlectures.org](http://www.pittsburghlectures.org).

**"Innateness and Science,"** Robert Northcott, professor of philosophy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 12:05 p.m. **Feb. 19**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for the Philosophy of Science, 412-624-1052, [www.pitt.edu/~pittctr](http://www.pitt.edu/~pittctr).

**"Now I Can Feel Like Myself All Month Long: Menstrual Pain as Identity-Constituting and Identity-Threatening,"** Carly Woods, Pitt PhD candidate in Women Studies, noon **Feb. 20**, 2201 Posvar Hall, Pitt Women Studies Program, [www.pitt.edu/~wstudies](http://www.pitt.edu/~wstudies).

**"Squatters in Paradise: The Development of Cancun, 1970-2000,"** Megan McLean, Pitt PhD candidate in history, 4 p.m. **Feb. 20**, 3703 Posvar Hall, [www.pitt.edu/~pitthist](http://www.pitt.edu/~pitthist).

**"Is Resultative Meaning More Difficult than Progressive Meaning in the Acquisition of the Imperfective Aspect -te i-ru in Japanese?"** Yasuhiro Shirai, Pitt professor of linguistics, noon **Feb. 21**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt Asia Over Lunch Lecture Series, 412-648-7763, [www.ucis.pitt.edu](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu).

**"Spatial Properties of Soil Moisture and Data Assimilation,"** Xu Liang, Pitt professor of civil and environmental engineering, 3:45 p.m. **Feb. 21**, 203 Thaw Hall, Pitt Department of Geology and Planetary Science, [www.geology.pitt.edu](http://www.geology.pitt.edu).

**"The Crisis in Kenya: Post-Election Violence, Politics, and Ethnicity,"** Joshua Kivuva, consultant in refugee affairs, 5 p.m. **Feb. 21**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt Africana Studies Program, 412-648-2058, [macrina@pitt.edu](mailto:macrina@pitt.edu).

**"Everyday Exercise and Healing Without Stress,"** Mark Shefsiek, UPMC Center for Integrative Medicine practitioner, 5:30 p.m. **Feb. 21**, Center for Integrative Medicine, Suite 310, 580 S. Aiken Ave., Shadyside, 412-623-3023, <http://integrativemedicine.upmc.com>.

**"Making Models Count,"** Anna Alexandrova, professor of philosophy at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, 12:05 p.m. **Feb. 22**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for the Philosophy of Science, 412-624-1052, [www.pitt.edu/~pittctr](http://www.pitt.edu/~pittctr).

**"Aristotle on the Pleasures of Tragedy,"** Pierre Destree, professor of philosophy at the University Catholique de Louvain, 3:30 p.m. **Feb. 22**, 244 Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Department of Classics, [www.classics.pitt.edu](http://www.classics.pitt.edu).

**Kirk Nasset**, author of *Paradise Road*, **Heather McNaughton**, author of *Panic and Joy*, 8 p.m. **Feb. 22**, Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery, 5015 Penn Ave., Garfield, Pot Luck Reader Series, 412-381-4261.

**"Accented Cinema and Multiplexity,"** Hamid Naficy, John Evans Chair of Communications at Northwestern University, 2 p.m. **Feb. 23**, 232 Cathedral of Learning, Pitt European Studies Center, [randall.hale@gmail.com](mailto:randall.hale@gmail.com).

**"Where Historians Fear to Tread: History and Memory in the Chernobyl Zone of Alienation,"** Kate Brown, professor of history at the University of Maryland, 5:30 p.m. **Feb. 23**, Frick Fine Arts Building Auditorium, Pitt Center for Russian and East European Studies, [www.pitt.edu/~sorc/goseca/GOSECA2008](http://www.pitt.edu/~sorc/goseca/GOSECA2008).



**Astrosaber Ryklos by Gary Smith**  
**SPACE Gallery**  
**through March 15**

**"Entrepreneurship in Europe and the United States,"** Thomas Schott, professor of entrepreneurship and relationship management at the University of Southern Denmark, noon **Feb. 26**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence, 412-624-5404, [www.ucis.pitt.edu](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu).

**Less Safe, Less Free**, Jules Lobel, Pitt professor of law, book discussion, 7 p.m. **Feb. 26**, 111 Barco Law Building, Pitt School of Law, [www.law.pitt.edu](http://www.law.pitt.edu).

## Miscellaneous

**Noah's Pudding Program**, 7:30 p.m. **today**, Dowd Room, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh Dialogue Foundation, reservation recommended at [events@pghdialogue.org](mailto:events@pghdialogue.org), [www.cmu.edu/university-center](http://www.cmu.edu/university-center).

**Roots**, miniseries, **Feb. 18-21**, locations available by contacting Pitt Black Action Society, 412-648-7880.

**Pathway to Law School**, 6-8:30 p.m. **Feb. 19**, 310 William Pitt Union, Pitt Career Services, 412-648-7130, [www.careers.pitt.edu](http://www.careers.pitt.edu).

**Belgian Beers**, 6:15 p.m. **Feb. 19**, Theater Square Cabaret, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Craft Beer School Series, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**Turtles Can Fly**, film screening, 7 p.m. **Feb. 21**, Frick Fine Arts Building Auditorium, Pitt Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies, 412-624-2918, [www.ucis.pitt.edu](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu).

**Searching for Angela Shelton**, film screening, 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 21**, G324 Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Women Studies Program, [www.pitt.edu/~wstudies](http://www.pitt.edu/~wstudies).

**Forget Baghdad**, film screening, 7 p.m. **Feb. 22**, Frick Fine Arts Building Auditorium, Pitt Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies, 412-624-2918, [www.ucis.pitt.edu](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu).

**Film Screenings**, 7 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, through **Feb. 29**, Swanson School of Engineering Auditorium, part of Chinese Culture Exhibition Month, Pitt Chinese Students and Scholars Association, 412-648-9523, film listings at [www.pittessa.net](http://www.pittessa.net).

## Opera/Theater/Dance

**Lost in the Stars**, **Feb. 21-24**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, 412-621-1499, [www.operatheaterofpittsburgh.org](http://www.operatheaterofpittsburgh.org).

**South Pacific**, **Feb. 22-24**, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, Pitt-Johnstown, UPJ Theatre, 814-269-7232, [www.upj.pitt.edu/ArtsCenter](http://www.upj.pitt.edu/ArtsCenter).

**Tempesta di Mare**, 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 23**, Bromeley Family Theater, Pitt-Bradford, 814-362-0248, [www.upb.pitt.edu](http://www.upb.pitt.edu).

**Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo—Cinderella**, **Feb. 23-24**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**Of Mice and Men**, **Feb. 23-March 2**, New Hazlett Theatre, 6 Allegheny Square East, Northside, Prime Stage Theatre, 412-320-4160, [www.newhazletttheater.org](http://www.newhazletttheater.org).

**Amadeus**, through **Feb. 24**, O'Reilly Theater, 621 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Public Theater, 412-316-1600, [www.ppt.org](http://www.ppt.org).

**The Drowsy Chaperone**, **Feb. 26-March 2**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, PNC Broadway Across America Series, 412-456-6666, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org).

**The American Clock** by Arthur Miller, **Feb. 20-March 2**, Stephen Foster Memorial, Charity Randall Theatre, Pitt Repertory Theatre, 412-624-7529, [www.play.pitt.edu](http://www.play.pitt.edu).

**The Big Bang**, through April 27, Theater Square Cabaret, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, CLO Cabaret Theater, 412-281-2822, [www.clocabaret.com](http://www.clocabaret.com).

## Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

**Vladislav Kaminsky**, Department of Geology and Planetary Science, "Innovative Applications of Geophysical Methods to Environmental and Geotechnical Problems," noon-2 p.m. **Feb. 21**, 207 SRCC Building.

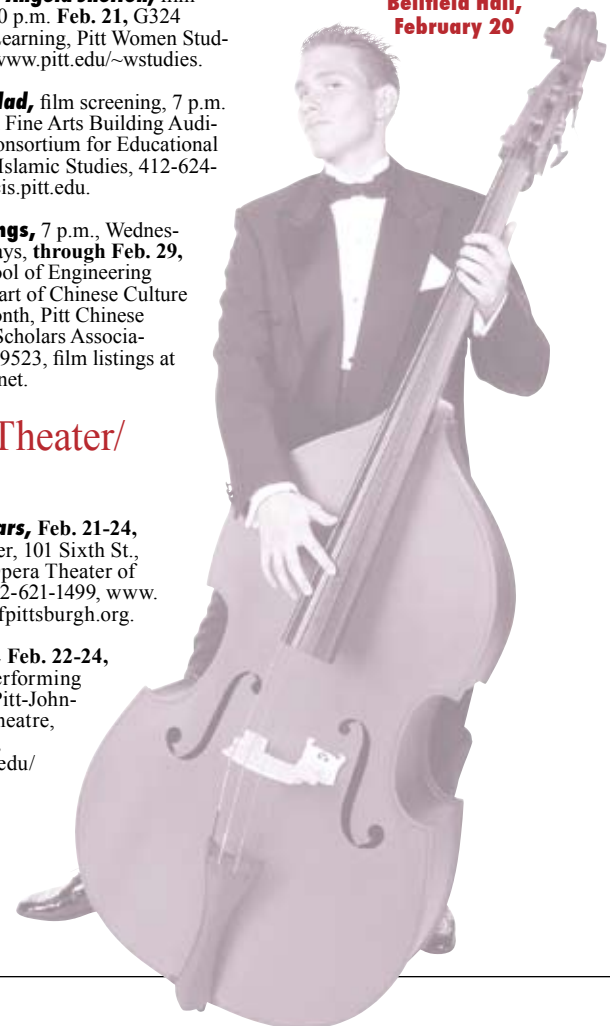
## Workshops

**Mapping Pennsylvania Communities Workshop: Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis**, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Feb. 22**, Execu-Train of Pittsburgh, Suite 1110 Omega Corporate Center, 1000 Omega Drive, New Urban Research, [www.urban-research.info](http://www.urban-research.info).

**Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon **Feb. 23**, McKenna Hall, Pitt-Greensburg, registration required, 724-836-9880.

**Managing a Lab: Practical Tips for Early Career Investigators**, Sally Kornbluth, PhD candidate at Duke University, 3-5 p.m. **Feb. 26**, S120 Biomedical Science Tower, Pitt Office of Academic Career Development, register at [www.oacd.health.pitt.edu](http://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu).

**University of Pittsburgh**  
**Symphony Orchestra**  
**Bellfield Hall,**  
**February 20**







# Former Substance Abusers Rarely Relapse After Organ Transplantation, Pitt Study Finds



By Megan Grote Quatrini

Only about six percent of former alcoholics and four percent of former illicit drug users will relapse into their addictions in any given year following an organ transplant, according to a study by University of Pittsburgh researchers published in this month's issue of *Liver Transplantation*.

"Substance abuse can lead to serious organ diseases for which transplantation is increasingly considered an acceptable treatment," noted senior author Mary Amanda Dew, professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh and the director of the Clinical Epidemiology Program at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) of UPMC. "Still, the transplant community remains concerned about these patients resuming their harmful behaviors once the transplant has been done."

Studies have suggested vast disparities in the prevalence of addiction relapse after transplantation. By conducting a meta-analysis of studies published between 1983 and 2005, the researchers sought to establish precise estimates of the rates of alcohol and drug relapse in individuals receiving liver or other solid organ transplants. They also looked for associations between relapse and many pretransplant or psychosocial characteristics.

The researchers included 54 studies (all but four pertaining to liver recipients) that described more than 3,600 former substance abusers who had received transplants. They examined the following post-transplant outcomes: alcohol relapse, heavy alcohol use, illicit drug relapse, tobacco use, nonadherence to immunosuppressants, and nonadher-

ence to clinic appointments.

The average rate for alcohol relapse was approximately six cases per 100 persons per year of observation. The average rate for relapse to heavy alcohol use was 2.5 per 100 persons per year of observation. The average relapse to illicit drug use was 3.7 cases per 100. Relapse rates for the other studied outcomes ranged from two to 10 cases per 100.

Because of the amount of data available, relapse risk factors could be assessed only for alcohol use. While demographics and pretransplant characteristics showed little correlation with relapse, poor social support, family alcohol history, and pretransplant abstinence of less than six months showed small but significant associations with relapse.

"Future research should focus on improving the prediction of risk for substance abuse relapse, and on testing interventions to promote continued abstinence post-transplant. Interventions are important because, although the risk of relapse is small during any given year, as the years add up the likelihood of relapse increases," Dew concluded.

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—Mary Amanda Dew

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