Pitt is honoring four senior faculty members as Distinguished Professors: Ellen Frank has been named Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry, effective June 1; Randy Juhl, Distinguished Service Professor of Pharmacy, effective July 1; and, effective Sept. 1, George Reid Andrews, Distinguished Professor of History, and Naomi P. Zigmond, Distinguished Professor of Education. Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg made the appointments based on the recommendation of Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher.

The appointment of a faculty member to a Distinguished Professorship constitutes the highest honor that can be accorded a member of the professorate. The rank of Distinguished Professor recognizes extraordinary, internationally renowned scholarly attainment in an individual discipline or field. The title Distinguished Service Professor is given in recognition of distinctive contributions and outstanding service to the University community in support of its mission, as well as performance excellence in the faculty member’s department or school and national stature in his or her field.

Biographical information on the faculty honorees follows.

Frank is a professor of psychiatry and psychology in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and director of the Depression and Manic Depression Prevention Program at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. Frank and her colleagues developed a new psychotherapy—interpersonal and social rhythm therapy—for the treatment of manic depressive illness under a MERIT award from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). She completed an NIMH-sponsored study of women with recurrent depression in which she examined how psychopathology, life stress, and different “doses” of psychotherapy interact to increase or decrease vulnerability to new episodes of depression. In addition, Frank is completing a joint project with researchers at the University of Pisa, Italy, aimed at achieving a better understanding of the clinical importance of subsyndromal mood, anxiety, and different diagnoses—tourette syndrome—when symptoms are not severe enough for diagnosis as a clinically recognized syndrome.

An expert in mood disorders and their treatment, Frank was chair of the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) Psychopharmacology Drugs Advisory Panel. She is also a former member of the National Advisory Mental Health Council. Currently she serves on the Mood Disorders Workgroup of the American Psychiatric Association’s Task Force on DSM-V, and is a member of the American Psychiatric Association’s Task Force on DSM-V, and is an honorary fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. In 1999, she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine.

A graduate of Vassar College, Frank earned a master’s degree in English at Carnegie Mellon University and a doctorate in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Juhl, vice chancellor for research conduct and compliance, came to the University in 1979 to serve as chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. His research included the effects of disease states and other conditions on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of drugs. In 1986, he was named dean of the School of Pharmacy, a position he held for 16 years. During his tenure as dean, the school converted its entry-level practitioner degree from a bachelor’s to the PharmD level; instituted advanced practice residences in conjunction with UPW’s and other partners; developed an innovative clinical scientist PhD program; and increased its endowment more than tenfold.

The school also attained a Top 10 ranking among pharmacy schools and colleges as measured by grant support from the National Institutes of Health.

In July 2002, Juhl joined Nordenberg’s senior leadership team as vice chancellor for research conduct and compliance. His responsibilities include overseeing the University’s Institutional Review Board, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the Radiation Safety Program, the Recombinant DNA Office, and components of the University’s conflict-of-interest reporting and monitoring functions.

Juhl is a widely published and consulted expert in pharmacy. He has written or cowritten more than 70 manuscripts, abstracts, and books on these and related topics. He also currently consults for several companies and organizations that deal with self-medication and the process of having a prescription drug become an over-the-counter medication. He is also a frequent speaker on a variety of regulatory topics related to the FDA.

Juhl served as president of the American Pharmaceutical Association’s Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science from 1992 to 1993. In 1992, he was asked to chair the FDA’s newly created advisory committee on nonprescription drugs that advises the FDA on a range of issues related to over-the-counter medications; he served as committee chair until 1996. In 1998, he was appointed chair of the FDA’s Pharmacy Compounding Advising Committee, created by the FDA Modernization Act of 1997 to serve as a public forum for the resolution of regulatory issues affecting pharmacy compounding.

Juhl received an associate’s degree from Waldorf College in 1968 and his BS, MS, and PhD degrees in pharmacy from the University of Iowa in 1972, 1974, and 1976, respectively. He has been honored as a distinguished alumnus of Waldorf College (1994) and the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy (2000).

Andrews, a professor in the Department of History in Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences, is a historian whose interests focus on Latin America, comparative history, and race. At Pitt since 1981, he served as chair of the history department from 1998 to 2001 and from 2006 to 2007. In addition, Andrews has been a research professor of history in the University Center for International Studies since 1991.

Andrews has written numerous books, including Afro-Latin America, 1800–2000 (Oxford University Press, 2004), which was awarded the 2005 Arthur P. Whittaker Prize from the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies and was named Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2005, and Blacks and Whites in São Paulo, Brazil, 1883–1983 (University of Wisconsin Press, 1991), which won the 1993 Arthur P. Whittaker Prize. He is currently working on a book titled Blackness in the White Republic: Afro-Uruguay, 1800–2000.

Charles Reid Andrews

Andrews served as chair of Pittsburgh’s Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Andrews received a 2001 Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship for research at the Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay; a 1996–97 John Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship; and a Fellowship for University Teachers from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1995.

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The University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees approved the naming of Fesenmyer House at this year’s 27th Annual Banquet in Pittsburgh. Fesenmyer attended the meeting.

Fesenmyer House will become home to 144 students this fall. Pitt-Bradford broke ground for the $7.3 million residence hall last July. It is located near Blaisdell Hall.

“Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have—never!—thought this would happen to me,” Fesenmyer said. “I am humbled, honored, and pleased, and I thank Pitt-Bradford for this remarkable recognition.”

Livingston Alexander, president of Pitt-Bradford, said, “Howard is not only a major fundraiser for Pitt-Bradford, but he also is our greatest cheerleader and advocate.

“What drives Howard to ask for a gift is precisely what motivates our donors to give—an unselfish dedication to our campus and an abiding commitment to our students.

Fesenmyer has been chair of the institutional advancement council of Pitt-Bradford’s advisory board for more than a decade, helping to lead teams of volunteers to successfully raise $10 million for the campus’ Campaign 2000. During that same time, he has also been serving as chair of the Complete the Campus Campaign, which raised $33.1 million for campus construction; the Reed-Coiht Scholarship Challenge, which raised $2 million for scholarships; and the Blaisdell Fine Arts Challenge, which raised $3.4 million to build Blaisdell Hall. He is currently spearheading the fundraising campaign for a campus interfaith chapel, to be built solely with private donations.

In 1998, Pitt-Bradford awarded Fesenmyer its highest honor, the Presidential Medal of Distinction, given to those who make significant contributions to the campus and the community.

“I cannot think of a single volunteer who has had more of an impact on raising support for Pitt-Bradford and advancing the college’s reputation,” said Kent Pitt-Buchheit, Pitt-Bradford’s executive director of institutional advancement. “His enthusiasm for and devotion to Pitt-Bradford is contagious—which is the reason he has been so successful in garnering such support.”

Fesenmyer House will bring Pitt-Bradford’s on-campus resident capacity to 500 students, with 21 four-person suites, 10 five-person suites, and two five-person suites. Each...
Trib Readers Vote Pitt Best School in Pittsburgh Area

By John Harvith

Readers of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review recently voted the University of Pittsburgh the best college, university, or technical school in the Pittsburgh area. The Tribune-Review reported Pitt’s head-of-the-class ranking June 27 in an article titled “Making education the best it can be” that was part of a special “Pittsburgh’s 250 Favorite Businesses” supplement.

The article contains extensive quotes from Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher, who gives “three broad reasons” for the University’s success.

“We’ve been working hard to make the undergraduate experience here absolutely superb,” Maher says in the article. “It’s made an enormous difference in education offered to undergraduates coming to be with us. Secondly, we’re a major provider of advanced education in professions in the region. A very large fraction of professionals in Western Pennsylvania and the whole state get graduate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.”

The third reason, Maher adds in the article, is that Pitt is “one of the biggest importers of federal research dollars in the whole country, bringing $600 million into Pennsylvania. That has a major impact on the economy of the region. It’s a major source of employment.”

Maher also notes in the article how Pitt and the city of Pittsburgh “are incredibly intertwined…. At remarkably many junctures, the University of Pittsburgh has stepped up to the plate and helped the city renew itself.” He concludes by voicing his hope that city-University connectedness continues “for many, many centuries to come.”

“Trains Educators to Teach With Music

Pitt’s Center on Race and Social Problems To Host Summer 2008 Institutes

By Sharon S. Blake

What is the best social services model for supporting prisoner reintegration into society? What unique problems do Black children with mental health issues face? Is there a racial component to violence among young people?

The University of Pittsburgh’s Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP) will tackle these questions in separate summer institutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 9, 11, and 24. The free public sessions will be held in the School of Social Work Conference Center, 20th floor, Cathedral of Learning. A fourth institute is slated for Aug. 19; details will be forthcoming.

Educators, community leaders, social workers, and others will explore these issues—their causes and consequences—and at look model programs and new policy ideas. The institutes include presentations, discussions, and break-out sessions. Details about the institutes follow.

July 9

Race and Prisoner Reintegration

“Race and Prisoner Re-entry: An Overview”—Steven Raphael, professor of public policy, University of California, Berkeley;

“Race and Female Felon Re-entry”—Beth Richie, professor of criminal justice and gender and women’s studies, University of Illinois, Chicago.


July 11

African American Children’s Mental Health

“The Indicators of Mental Health Among African American Children”—Oscar Barbin, professor, University of North Carolina School of Social Work;

“Barriers to Mental Health Service Use by Children and Families of Color”—Michael Spencer, professor, University of Michigan School of Social Work;

“Effects of Chronic Stress on Urban Adolescents’ Mental Health”—David Miller, professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences; and “African American Children’s Mental Health: Common Diagnoses and Disparities”—Charma Dudley, associate director of clinical services, Family Resources of Pennsylvania.

July 24

Race and Youth Violence

“Race, Crime, and Justice: Standing on Common Ground”—David Kennedy, director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.


The summer institutes are made possible through funding from The Pittsburgh Foundation.
By Patricia Lomando White

F. James McCarr (CGS ’73), chair of the board, chief executive officer, and president of The McCarr Group, LLC, a Pittsburgh-based management and development consultant firm, was elected president of the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association, and Jack D. Smith (A&S ’69, MED ’73), an orthopedic surgeon in Greensburg, was named president-elect at the association’s board meeting.

Other newly elected Alumni Association officers were Vice President Bryant J. Salter (A&S ’71), CEO of Business Diplomacy Consulting (BDC); Vice President Michelle D. Tallarico (A&S ’01), regional clinical research associate at Clinimetrics Research Associates; Secretary Mary Francis Gargotta (CGS ’79), executive vice president and chief executive resources officer of MARC USA in Pittsburgh; and Treasurer Mary Ellen Callahan (A&S ’90), partner with Hogan and Hartson law firm in Washington, D.C.

A nationally known entrepreneur, industry leader, and philanthropist for more than 30 years, McCarr recently served as president-elect of Pitt’s Alumni Association. He started his career at the helm of McCarr’s, Inc., a family-owned business that he helped grow to national prominence. During his tenure with McCarr’s and since selling the company in 2000, McCarr has cultivated diverse leadership experiences.

McCarr has received numerous awards, including Pitt’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2002, the Pitt Alumni Association Volunteer of the Year Award in 1993, the ARC Beaver County Chapter Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Community Champion Award for Western Pennsylvania.

McCarr and his son, Foster (CGS ’98), created the McCarr Center for Nontraditional Student Success in Pitt’s College of General Studies. And, to honor Pitt athletes, McCarr, along with his wife, established the F. James and Carol McCarr Hall of Champions in the Petersen Events Center. Honored by CGS as an outstanding graduate in the mid-1990s, McCarr also is founder and chair of the board of Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania.

Smith, after completing a residency in orthopedic surgery at the University’s health center in 1978, is in private practice until 2007, when he joined the Excelsa Health System as practice director of orthopedic surgery. He has served as team physician for Greensburg Salem High School athletics since 1978.

Involved in Westmoreland County community affairs, Smith has been active with the Greensburg YMCA and is past president of its board, has served as the president of the board of directors of Westmoreland Museum of American Art for 10 years, was a member of the Boy Scouts of America Council, and has served on the advisory board at Pitt-Greensburg. He has been chair of the Pitt Department of Orthopedics’ alumni association for nearly 10 years, has served as a Pitt Alumni Association director, and was vice president of the association for the past two years.

Salter is an international business consultant and director of BDC client Enterprise Florida’s African Trade Expansion Program, which he created and has managed since 2000. He has led trade missions to South Africa, Morocco, Ghana, Botswana, Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria. A former U.S. diplomat, Salter served as the permanent charge d’affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Antigua; consul at the U.S. Consulate in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; and consul general at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prior to his 22-year foreign-service career, Salter played professional football for NFL teams in San Diego, Washington, and Miami. He has a Pitt bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Salter was a four-year letterman on Pitt’s track and field team and lettered three times in football. The Pitt Varsity Letter Club has honored him as an Awardee of Distinction.

Tallarico, with Clinimetrics since September 2007, specializes in oncology clinical trials. From 2001 to 2007, she was program director of the Cancer Control Program at Georgetown University, where she managed numerous National Cancer Institute-funded clinical studies and published several articles based on her research. As president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Pitt Club from 2003 to 2008, Tallarico oversaw establishment of the club’s endowed scholarship fund and was key in implementing a four-year grant to aid need-based students from the Washington, D.C., metro area. She also has served as a member of the Alumni Leadership Council, chair of the Membership and Student Recruitment Committee, and regional director of the Pitt Alumni Association. In 2007, the association named her the first recipient of the Ivan and Mary Novick Award for Young Alumni Leadership.

Gargotta spent more than 20 years at Alcoa before joining MARC USA. She has helped to create and implement the company’s Standards of Excellence and leads succession planning for the company. Her program, Total Compensation, won the 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security award, a national awards program, and the S.T.A.R. Performance Management System, an automated performance review and development system, garnered a People Do Matter award. Gargotta was one of the 2004 Pennsylvania Best 50 Women in Business, was in the United Who’s Who Women Executive Registry and the Who’s Who of Western Pennsylvania Woman of Distinction in 2006.

Callahan, who was a Chancellor’s Scholar at Pitt as an undergraduate student, received her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. She specializes in antitrust law and has extensive litigation experience in First Amendment cases involving telecommunications and Internet policies and filtering. A Pitt Truman Scholarship winner, Callahan graduated magna cum laude and received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Pitt’s Honors College in 1990. An active member of Pitt’s Alumni Association, Callahan has previously served as both alumni association treasurer and vice president.
Pitt Team Receives $2.5 Million to Simulate and Analyze Brain, Immune System Activity and Apply Math to Medical Problems

By Morgan Kelly

In an effort to promote the application of mathematics to medical treatment, researchers in the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Mathematics will undertake a $2.5 million project to create models of how the brain and immune system function and change over time in response to certain illnesses, infections, and treatments. The models are intended to help doctors better understand and predict the possible short- and long-term responses of patients’ bodies to treatments.

The National Science Foundation awarded University professors G. Bard Ermentrout, Beatrice Riviere, Jonathan Rubin, David Swigon, and Ivan Yotov, interim chair, a nearly $1.8 million Research Training Group (RTG) award. The RTG involves resources for creating training programs for mathematics students to work with physicians and biologists on helping to resolve complicated medical problems through mathematic- ics. Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences— which houses the mathematics/department—provided additional funds. Specifically, the team will create a variety of computer models based on differential equations—which predict how systems evolve over time— with the medical guidance of scientists and doctors in Pitt’s Departments of Biological Sciences, the Pitt School of Medicine, and UPMC.

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Pitt Biomarker Study Could Lead to Improved Organ Selection for Transplants

By Michele D. Baum

Higher levels of the immune protein interleukin-6 (IL-6), a biomarker for inflammation, are associated with decreased survival in patients receiving organs for transplant from brain-dead donors. University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine researchers reported in the June issue of Critical Care Medicine, the official journal of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the results suggest that biomarkers such as IL-6 might be used to help identify organs that are more suitable for transplant, improving survival and health outcomes for recipients, the researchers noted.

Despite efforts to increase awareness of the need for organ donation, there remains a critical shortage of organs, with a significant number coming from patients left brain-dead following traumatic injury or illness. And while it is known that brain death induces a massive inflammatory response, the influence of this immune response on organ procurement, transplantation, and long-term survival for recipients has been less clear. The Pitt study is “the first time that a marker of inflammation in an organ donor has been shown to predict outcome in the transplant recipient,” the authors wrote.

Led by investigators in Pitt’s Clinical Research, Investigation and Systems Modeling of Acute Illness (CRISMA) Laboratory, researchers evaluated data from 30 brain-dead organ donors at the University of Pitts- burgh Medical Center (UPMC) and the University of Texas Health Sci- ence Center in Houston who gave 91 organs to 78 recipients between April and November 2004. Bloodstream levels of immune system proteins IL-6, IL-10 and tumor necrosis factor, all cytokines associated with inflammation, were measured in organ donors hourly for four hours following declaration of brain death, and again imme- diately prior to organ procurement. For study purposes, recipients, whose transplants took place at many hospitals around the country in addition to Houston and Pittsburgh, were followed through May 2005.

“We’re exploring mathematical and computational territory that has not been understood yet,” Rubin said. “For instance, the brain contains millions of neurons that, in turn, contain very small molecules (neu- rotransmitters). This network functions on a time scale measured in submilliseconds, a scale so small that no one can really grasp how short it is. At the same time, the brain manages and obeys the circadian rhythm, the body’s 24-hour cycle. “If we make a breakthrough on how to map these time scales, it would apply to multiple systems,” Rubin added.

The complication models simulate the extensive, constant interaction of various cells and organs operating on multiple time scales, from the immeasurably short to the full day. The complexity of these models will require the development of new simulation and mathematical techniques, but the work could apply to several other biological systems.

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By John A. Kellum, senior author of the study and professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. “Patients who received organs from donors with lower IL-6 levels were substantially less likely to have complications following transplant requiring hospitalization and were more likely to have longer survival after hospital discharge.”

All organ donors experienced increases in bloodstream concentrations of the three cytokines measured following brain death, but increases in IL-6 were linked most closely with decreased survival. “These data strongly suggest that the ‘cytokine storm’ seen immediately following brain death negatively affects organ function,” said Raghavan Murugan, study first author and assis tant professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The Pittsburgh team suggests that it is premature to recommend routine screening of IL-6 levels in potential organ donors, but that the study findings open a distinct avenue of future scientific inquiry related to minimizing the inflammatory response in organ donors. “This is one relatively small study, but if the findings are confirmed, I think there is promise to possibly use this technique to ultimately improve organ selection and patient outcomes,” Kellum said.

Currently, the potent anti-inflammatory steroid drug solu medrol is used to treat inflammation in organ donors as standard practice at many hospitals, including UPMC. While the present study, which enrolled donors in 2004 and 2005, could not demon strate that solumedrol improves outcomes (perhaps because only a few donors received the drug), it does appear that the steroid reduced inflammation as measured by decreased levels of IL-6. This effect was most pronounced just before organ procurement, which also is when IL-6 levels were most predictive, the authors write.

The study was supported by funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Pitt Alumni Association Honors 2008 Volunteers

By Patricia Lomando White

The Pitt Alumni Association recently recognized outstanding alumni for their volunteerism and commitment to the University at the 2008 Pitt Alumni Association awards luncheon held in Alumni Hall’s Connolly Ballroom. Winners were announced at the 2008 Volunteer Excellence Award, the Pitt Alumni Recruitment Team (PART) award, the Pitt Alumni Legacy (ALN) award, Pitt Career Network (PCN) award, the Ivan and Mary Novick Award for Young Alumni Leadership, and the Bill Bailey Award for Distinguished Alumni Service.

The Volunteer Excellence Award recognizes alumni who give their time over one year or provide multiple years of service to the University and Alumni Association. This year, two alumni received the Volunteer Excellence Award.

The first Volunteer Excellence awardee was Gary Brownlee (A&S ’74, KGSB ’78), who was honored for a two-year term as treasurer of the Pitt Alumni Association. Brownlee’s association with the Alumni Association began with membership in the Pitt Club of Chicago. He continues to support the club, including playing a lead role in raising funds for the Chicago Club’s endowment fund. Brownlee attended all meetings of the alumni board and executive committee, despite the commute to the Pittsburgh campus. He has served as a regional director representing constituent groups in the Mid West Region and was elected as senior advisor for the Pitt Alumni Association. An avid Panther fan, Brownlee holds season tickets for Panther football games and was honored as a guest co-host in the women’s basketball game against Notre Dame last season.

Brian Moreland (UPG ’98) also received the Volunteer Excellence Award. He is the current vice president and president-elect of the UPG Alumni Association and has served as its former treasurer. Moreland also is a member of the Pitt Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Legislative Committee, and the Alumni Legislative Network. A life member of Pitt’s Alumni Association, Moreland is an active participant in Pitt’s Career Network, for which he has achieved status as a chapter chair. In 2004, Moreland also received the Volunteer Excellence award, Pittmeritus trustee and retired managing partner at Ernst and Young, LLP, received the Bill Bailey Award for Distinguished Alumni Service. From 1985 to 1988, Bigley served as an alumni trustee and then became a Commonwealth trustee. He was elected vice chair of the board in 2003, a position he held for three years. He also was a member of the Executive, Audit, Compensation, Institutional Advancement, and Nominating committees and chaired the Athletics Committee for four years.

A Pitt Alumni Association Lifetime member, Bigley served on Pitt’s Capital Campaign Steering Committee, as vice chair of the Discovery Weekend, and as a member of Pitt’s Graduate School of Public Health and School of Social Work boards of visitors. Among his Pitt honors are the 1984 Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Ivan B. Katz Graduate School of Business, the Pitt Alumni Association’s Alumni Volunteer award winners pictured here are, from left, Gary Brownlee (A&S ’74, KGSB ’78), John Robert Bender (EDUC ’60, ’62, ’63), Fran Gargotta (CGS ’79), John Robert Bender (EDUC ’60, ’62, ’63), Fran Gargotta (CGS ’79), John Robert Bender (EDUC ’60, ’62, ’63), Fran Gargotta (CGS ’79), and Kurt Nestel (ENG ’63).

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of MARC USA in Pittsburgh, was this year’s PCN Volunteer of the Year. Gargotta is secretary of Pitt’s Alumni Association. She spent more than 20 years at Alcoa before joining MARC USA. She has helped to create and implement MARC’s Standards of Excellence and leads succession planning for the company. Her program, Total Compensation, won the 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security award and the STARR Performance Management System, an automated performance review and development system, garnered a People’s Choice award. Gargotta was one of the 2008 Pitt Best 50 Women in Business, was in the United Who’s Who Women Executive Registry and the Who’s Who Executive Registry in 2005, and was a Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania Woman of Distinction in 2006.

In addition, Thomas G. Bigley (KGSB ’56), Pitt emeritus trustee and retired managing partner at Ernst and Young, LLP, received the Bill Bailey Award for Distinguished Alumni Service. From 1985 to 1988, Bigley served as an alumni trustee and then became a Commonwealth trustee. He was elected vice chair of the board in 2003, a position he held for three years. He also was a member of the Executive, Audit, Compensation, Institutional Advancement, and Nominating committees and chaired the Athletics Committee for four years.

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Historic Photos of Pittsburgh Captures City’s Past in Rare B&W Photos From Pitt Collections

By Sharon S. Blake

Just in time for the commemoration of Pittsburgh’s 250th birthday comes Historic Photos of Pittsburgh (Turner Publishing) by Miriam Meislik, archivist and photo curator for the University of Pittsburgh Archives Service, part of the University Library System.

With fact-filled photo captions and chapter introductions by Meislik, the new book presents nearly 200 rare black-and-white photographs, selected from Pitt’s photographic archives, to tell the story of Pittsburgh’s fascinating past. Historic photos include images from the 1860s to the present, pulled from collections as diverse as the Darlington Family Papers, Pittsburgh City Photographer Collection, Smoke Control Lantern Slides, the Pittsburgh Railways Company Collection, and many others.

“My goal was to present Pittsburgh as a city of change, a city that is constantly trying to improve itself, and to show more of the people who lived here," said Meislik. “Many of the books published focus on the architecture. Those types of images are in my book, but I also wanted to show playgrounds and shops and people in their daily lives,” she said.

Book chapters include “A Growing City,” “Moving Forward,” “Hard Times and Other Challenges,” and “Era of Renewal.”

In her position at Pitt, Meislik works with rare photos on a daily basis. She often receives requests from individuals for photographs of old buildings in their effort to restore facades, verify the purpose of a building, and apply for historic landmark status.

Historic Photos of Pittsburgh is part of Turner Publishing’s Historic Photo series. These books, highlighting the history of the great cities, pivotal events, and legendary figures across America, have been acclaimed as a staple in the collection of anyone who loves history.
SUPPORTING SCHOLARS

More than 30 high school graduates were awarded college scholarships at the Negro Educational Emergency Drive (NEED) annual dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Downtown, on Feb. 26. Dion Jackson, a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, received the 2008 Excel "Buddy" Harston Scholarship, which he will use to attend the University of Pittsburgh this fall. The award was established by Harston’s daughter, Valerie McDonald Roberts, Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds. Pictured from left to right are: Stephen Johnson, chair of the NEED board and executive vice president of CNN; Dion Jackson; and Sylvester Price, president and CEO of NEED.

MARKING A LEGACY

A Pennsylvania State Historical Marker honoring the life and legacy of the late K. Leroy Irvis (Low ’54), legendary Pennsylvania legislative leader and a University of Pittsburgh emeritus trustee, was unveiled at a dedication and reception hosted by Pitt on April 3. The marker will be placed at the site of Irvis’ former legislative office on Wylie Avenue in Pittsburgh’s Hill District. Irvis, who in 1977 became the first African American speaker of the House in Pennsylvania and the first Black speaker of any state house since Reconstruction, sponsored in 1966 the bill that made Pitt a state-related institution of higher education. The institute, titled Make Practice Perfect! Training for Trainers, is targeted toward practitioners in early and middle childhood education, after-school care, child and youth work, and areas of special education. Through a series of speakers, presentations, and exercises, attendees will examine teaching techniques that can be incorporated into their classroom settings.

A highlight of the institute will be addresses by such education experts as Andrew Schneider-Munoz, vice president and director of the Center for Youth Development and Policy Research, a nonprofit organization working to improve the development of education, health, civil society, and economics worldwide, who will give a keynote address on the significance of training and professional development in human services. Dale Curry, associate professor at Kent State University’s College of Education, Health, and Human Services, will deliver a keynote address on the importance of educators being able to change their on-job performance. In addition, Frank Eckles, president of the National Child and Youth Care Certification Board, a new organization offering full professional certification, will deliver a lecture on creating engaging teaching environments supportive of optimal learning.

Institute presentations will include an overview of the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP) Certification Program, as well as the administration of the ACYCP examination. There also will be workshops covering such topics as the creative uses of power point and other technologies in training as well as understanding various learning styles and appropriate pedagogies for adult learners. In addition, networking and social activities will be available to attendees.

The 2008 Summer Institute is cosponsored by Pitt’s School of Social Work, Office of Child Development, ACYCP, the Academy for Educational Development, the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, the Holy Family Institute, and Kent State University’s Human Development and Family Studies Program.

For more information, contact Karen VanderVen, Pitt professor and conference director, at 412-624-6945 or kvander@pitt.edu. For a full schedule of institute events, visit the School of Education Web site at www.education.pitt.edu/news/newsdetails.aspx?id=326.

Pitt-Bradford to Name New Residence Hall for Retired Zippo Manufacturing Executive Howard Fesenmyer

From left: Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Howard Fesenmyer, Pitt-Bradford President Livingston Alexander, and Pitt Board of Trustees Chair Ralph J. Copy at the trustees’ June 27 annual meeting.

The University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Psychology in Education in the School of Education will explore a wide range of methods towards advancing the field of childhood education during its 2008 Summer Institute to be held July 17-19 in Room 5604 Posvar Hall.

The institute, titled Make Practice Perfect! Training for Trainers, is targeted toward practitioners in early and middle childhood education, after-school care, child and youth work, and areas of special education.

A formal ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony is planned for Sept. 5. Fesenmyer, who earned the Bachelor of Science degree at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, was an executive at Zippo from 1953 to 1991, when he retired as executive vice president. In addition to performing his extensive volunteer work for Pitt-Bradford, Fesenmyer is a trustee of the Bradford Family YMCA, the YWCA of Bradford, Guthrie Medical Center (Sayre, Pa.), and the Bradford Area Public Library. He is a member of the board of directors of Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, the Bradford Educational Foundation, the Bradford Exchange Club, the Friendship Table, and Isbrandt Co. (Denmark). He also is a member of the Bradford Area Alliance.

Fesenmyer and his wife, Dorothea, live in Bradford.

Pitt to Host Institute on Childhood Education July 17-19

By Anthony M. Moore

The University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Psychology in Education in the School of Education will explore a wide range of methods towards advancing the field of childhood education during its 2008 Summer Institute to be held July 17-19 in Room 5604 Posvar Hall.

The institute, titled Make Practice Perfect! Training for Trainers, is targeted toward practitioners in early and middle childhood education, after-school care, child and youth work, and areas of special education. Through a series of speakers, presentations, and exercises, attendees will examine teaching techniques that can be incorporated into their classroom settings.

A highlight of the institute will be addresses by such education experts as Andrew Schneider-Munoz, vice president and director of the Center for Youth Development and Policy Research, a nonprofit organization working to improve the development of education, health, civil society, and economics worldwide, who will give a keynote address on the significance of training and professional development in human services. Dale Curry, associate professor at Kent State University’s College of Education, Health, and Human Services, will deliver a keynote address on the importance of educators being able to change their on-job performance. In addition, Frank Eckles, president of the National Child and Youth Care Certification Board, a new organization offering full professional certification, will deliver a lecture on creating engaging teaching environments supportive of optimal learning.

Institute presentations will include an overview of the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP) Certification Program, as well as the administration of the ACYCP examination. There also will be workshops covering such topics as the creative uses of power point and other technologies in training as well as understanding various learning styles and appropriate pedagogies for adult learners. In addition, networking and social activities will be available to attendees.

The 2008 Summer Institute is cosponsored by Pitt’s School of Social Work, Office of Child Development, ACYCP, the Academy for Educational Development, the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, the Holy Family Institute, and Kent State University’s Human Development and Family Studies Program.

For more information, contact Karen VanderVen, Pitt professor and conference director, at 412-624-6945 or kvander@pitt.edu. For a full schedule of institute events, visit the School of Education Web site at www.education.pitt.edu/news/newsdetails.aspx?id=326.

MARKING A LEGACY

A Pennsylvania State Historical Marker honoring the life and legacy of the late K. Leroy Irvis (Low ’54), legendary Pennsylvania legislative leader and a University of Pittsburgh emeritus trustee, was unveiled at a dedication and reception hosted by Pitt on April 3. The marker will be placed at the site of Irvis’ former legislative office on Wylie Avenue in Pittsburgh’s Hill District. Irvis, who in 1977 became the first African American speaker of the House in Pennsylvania and the first Black speaker of any state house since Reconstruction, sponsored in 1966 the bill that made Pitt a state-related institution of higher education. The institute, titled Make Practice Perfect! Training for Trainers, is targeted toward practitioners in early and middle childhood education, after-school care, child and youth work, and areas of special education. Through a series of speakers, presentations, and exercises, attendees will examine teaching techniques that can be incorporated into their classroom settings.

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Happenings

Concerts

Ween, alternative rock music, 8:30 p.m. July 7, Mister Small’s Funhouse and Theater, 400 Lincoln Ave., Millvale, 412-624-4447.

Johnny Mathis with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, John Scott Lavender, conductor, 8 p.m. July 11 and 12, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-624-6070, www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

Exhibitions
EveryOne An Artist Gallery, Marks & Grenchen, through July 17, 412 Butler St., Lawrenceville, 412-681-2404.


Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses
KuangChio Huang, School of Information Sciences, “Can Citywide Municipal WiFi Be a Feasible Solution for Local Broadband Access in the U.S.? An Empirical Evaluation of a Techno-Economic Model,” 1 p.m. July 7, Room 502 Information Sciences Building.

David L. Corensohn, Graduate School of Public Health, “Transcriptional Regulation of microRNA Genes and the Regulatory Network in Which They Participate,” 9:30 a.m. July 8, Room A312 Crabtree Hall.


Catherine T. Prince, Graduate School of Public Health, “Pulse Wave Analysis in Type 1 Diabetes: Correlates and Relationships With Complications,” 11 a.m. July 10, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Diabetes and Lipid Research Building.


Julie A. Greenwell, School of Nursing, “Modifiable Cardiovascular Risk Factors in the Elderly Adolescent Period,” 10 a.m. July 14, Room 451 Victoria Building.

Mark A. Newman, School of Education, “MTOR Signaling Pathway Associated With Skeletal Muscle Hypertrophy Following Resistance Exercise Training,” 12:30 p.m. July 14, Room 166 Trees Hall.

Teen Son Park, Department of Biomedical Engineering, “Development of Hematopoietic, Endothelial, and Perivascular Cells From Human Embryonic and Fetal Stem Cells,” 3:30 p.m. July 18, Room CMOA Research Center.

Jill Brody, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, “Examining Inter-sensor Influences and Predicted Verb Subcategorization,” 9 a.m. July 21, Room 5027 Forbes Tower.

Jaime Berlin Tulkowski, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, “Quantifying Physical Activity in Community-Dwelling Older Adults Using Accelerometry,” 2:30 p.m. July 21, Room 6012 Forbes Tower.

Sarah R. Hials, Graduate School of Public Health, “Reference on Competing Risks in Breast Cancer Data,” 10 a.m. July 22, Room A622 Crabtree Hall.

LaShawn M. Curtis, Graduate School of Public Health, “Using a Mixed-Methods Case Study Design to Explore, Evaluate, and Enhance a Cancer Patient Navigator Program,” 10 a.m. July 23, A226 Parran Hall Conference Room.


Stephen Wilson, Department of Psychology, “Self-focused Versus Other-focused Strategies for Coping With Smoking Cessation Exposure,” 10 a.m. July 23, 4176 Sennott Square.

Chi-Kuang Lin, School of Information Sciences, “Channel Access Management in Data Intensive Sensor Networks,” 10 a.m. July 23, Room 502 School of Information Sciences Building.


As part of the Pittsburgh 250 Celebration, 250 Western Pennsylvania residents took the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens on May 29 at the Soldiers and Sailors Museum and Memorial in Oakland. The special ceremony, cohosted by Pitt, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), and the Pittsburgh 250 Commission, celebrated the vast contributions immigrants have made throughout the area’s 250-year history. Donette Ambrose (below left), chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, presided over the ceremony. G. Reynolds Clark (below left), Pitt vice chancellor for community initiatives and Office of the Chancellor chief of staff, was host of a University-sponsored reception for the new citizens and their guests in the Cathedral of Learning Commons Room, where guests were invited to tour the University’s Nationality Rooms. Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Debra Zamberry, director of the USCIS Pittsburgh Field Office, also participated in the celebration.