

Burton Marvin Tansky, Tracey Thomas Travis Named 2009 Distinguished Alumni Fellows



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By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association has named Burton Marvin Tansky (A&S '61), chair and chief executive officer of The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., and Tracey Thomas Travis (ENG '83), senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer at Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation, as Distinguished Alumni Fellows for 2009.

The fellows will be honored at the University's annual Honors Convocation at 3 p.m. Feb. 27 in Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland.

The keynote speaker at Honors Convocation will be Raymond W. Smith, a former University trustee who received his MBA from Pitt's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business in 1969. Smith, who in 2008 was

elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, became chair of Verizon Ventures in 1999. He also was a founding partner of Arlington Capital Partners and chair of Rothschild, North America, Inc., part of the oldest international investment-banking firm in the world. Smith's address is titled "Heisenberg's 'Certainty' Principle."

The convocation recognizes outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional student academic achievement; student leadership; and faculty accomplishments, including recipients of the 2009 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award, and Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Brief biographies of the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Fellows follow.

Tansky, a member of Pitt's Board of Trustees, joined Neiman Marcus in 1990 as chair and CEO of Bergdorf Goodman, serving in various senior executive positions before assuming his current position in 2000. After graduating from the University in 1961, he began his career as an assistant buyer at Kaufmann's Department Store in

Pittsburgh. Prior to his years at Neiman Marcus, Tansky worked for Filene's in Boston, Mass.; Rike's in Dayton, Ohio; Forbes and Wallace in Springfield, Mass.; I. Magnin in San Francisco, Calif.; and Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City.

A trustee since 2003, Tansky initially served as an alumni trustee from June 2003 to June 2007. He and his sister, Eva Tansky Blum—senior vice president, director of community affairs, and chair of the PNC Foundation, the PNC Financial Services Group—are cochairs of the University's \$2 billion Building Our Future Together capital campaign. Tansky also is a member of both the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs/Libraries Committee and the Institutional Advancement Committee.

In 2000, the University named Tansky a Pitt Legacy Laureate and, in 1990, he received the Pitt Alumni Association Award of Distinction. He is a lifetime member of the Pitt Alumni Association. In 2006, Tansky, Blum, and their sister, Shirley Gordon, supported and named the Tansky Family Lounge in the William Pitt Union in memory of their parents.

Among Tansky's honors are a 2006 Superstar Award from Fashion Group International; a 2005 Museum of Arts and Design Visionaries! Award; a 2004 Gold Medal Award from the National Retail Federation, considered the highest honor in retailing; and, in 2002, an appointment as *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur* by the French government.

Travis joined Ralph Lauren in 2005 following a corporate career at General

Motors Corporation, Pepsi-Cola/Pepsi Bottling Group, the Beverage Can Americas Group of American National Can, and Intimate Brands, Inc. She spent several years at Limited Brands, Inc., serving as chief financial officer from 2001 to 2002 and as senior vice president for finance from 2002 to 2004, prior to assuming her current position. At Ralph Lauren, Travis is responsible for corporate finance, financial planning and analysis, treasury, investor relations, information technology, tax, and corporate compliance.

Travis serves on the boards of Jo-Ann Stores Inc., the Lincoln Center Theater, the Executive Leadership Council Foundation, and the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention. She is treasurer of the Ralph Lauren Foundation and a member of Financial Executives International, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the New York Women's Forum, and the Executive Leadership Council.

In 2005, *Treasury and Risk Management Magazine* recognized Travis as one of the Top 25 Women in Finance; in 2006, *Black Enterprise* magazine named her one of the top 50 Women in Business; and in 2008, she received the Best CFO award from *Institutional Investor*. This year, *Black Enterprise* magazine named Travis one of the Top 100 African Americans in Corporate America. In addition to earning her Pitt engineering degree, she received an MBA degree in finance and operations management from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

Pitt Researchers Create Atomic-size One-stop Shop For Nanoelectronics, From Processors to Sensors

By Morgan Kelly

University of Pittsburgh researchers have created a nanoscale one-stop shop, a single platform for creating electronics at a nearly single-atom scale that could yield advanced forms of such technologically important devices as high-density memory devices and—most importantly—transistors and computer processors. This multitude of uses stems from a technique previously developed by the same team to fashion rewritable nanostructures at the interface between two insulating materials. In the Feb. 20 edition of *Science*, the researchers demonstrate this process' various applications.

"We've demonstrated that we can make important technologies that are significantly smaller than existing devices and all from the same material," said Jeremy Levy, the *Science* paper's senior author and a professor of physics and astronomy in Pitt's School of

Arts and Sciences. "To sustain the development of smaller and faster computers, we will probably need to transition away from existing materials in the coming decade. The memory bits in magnetic hard drives are about as small as they can get; silicon transistors will get increasingly difficult to miniaturize. We have created advanced storage and processing capability using the same material, presenting a totally new flexibility in building electronics."

Levy and his team reported in *Nature Materials* in March 2008 that their process of swapping insulators and conductors works like a microscopic Etch A Sketch™, the drawing toy that inspired Levy's idea. Using the sharp conducting probe of an atomic-force microscope, he created wires less than 4 nanometers wide at the interface of a crystal of strontium titanate and a 1.2-nanometer-thick layer of

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Future of Academic Publishing Is Focus of University Senate's Spring 2009 Plenary

By Anthony M. Moore

"Scholarly Publishing Today and Tomorrow: What You Need to Know" will be the theme of the University Senate's Spring 2009 Plenary Session, to be held from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. March 3 in the William Pitt Union's Assembly Room.

David Shulenberger, who is nationally recognized for his efforts to help the academic community understand the economics of scholarly communication and to reform the scholarly communication process, will deliver the keynote address, titled "University Research Distribution: From Option to Necessity."

Shulenberger is the vice president for academic affairs at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Before joining NASULGC in June 2006, Shulenberger served for 13 years as the provost and executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas, where he now holds the title of

emeritus professor.

Shulenberger chaired the Board of Directors of the Center for Research Libraries from 2005 to 2007 and is currently a member of that board and the National Commission on Writing, as well as a consulting editor for *Change* magazine. He also has served as a faculty member at Clemson University and as a labor economist for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Following the keynote speech, Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher will moderate a roundtable response to Shulenberger's talk. Panelists will be

Steven L. Kanter, vice dean of Pitt's School of Medicine; Michael J. Madison, associate dean for research and professor of law in Pitt's School of Law; Cynthia Miller, director of the University of Pittsburgh Press; and John D. Norton, director of Pitt's Center for



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UniversityUpdate

To: Members of the University Community
From: Mark A. Nordenberg
Date: February 18, 2009
Re: The Economy and Our Community

In certain respects, the early weeks of February were very good ones for our University, confirming that we continue to build momentum on many important fronts. Let me offer a small number of telling examples.

- In terms of outstanding student achievement, senior Katherine MacCord became the first Pitt student to win a Gates Cambridge Scholarship—one of just 37 students selected for this honor nationally. That scholarship, created by the Gates Foundation in 2000, was the only major national scholarship that had not previously been won by a Pitt student.

- Alumnus and trustee John Swanson, already one of the country's most highly honored engineers and also Pitt's largest individual benefactor, added another very special form of recognition when he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering.

- Just yesterday, Pitt professors Brent Doiron, from the Department of Mathematics, and Michael Grabe, from the Department of Biological Sciences, were publicly identified, in a full-page *New York Times* announcement, as recipients of 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships. They are among 118 "early-career scientists" selected for this honor because of their "outstanding promise and potential to contribute substantially to their fields."

- Internally, we have identified the members of the faculty and staff selected to receive our annual Chancellor's Awards for excellence in teaching, research, and service. As always, they were selected from pools of very impressive nominees, and their records of impact and accomplishment are inspiring.

- In the area of community outreach, we sponsored our annual K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program with the premiere viewing of *Blue, Gold & Black: From Doorway to Distinction*. By chronicling the 180-year experience of Black men and women at Pitt, this documentary extends our strong, recent tradition of celebrating Black History Month through efforts that go well beyond the more typical lecture or panel discussion to lasting undertakings that actually do discover and preserve important parts of that history.

Of course, recent weeks also have been a very difficult time, as we have continued to move through a period of extraordinary economic decline. Late yesterday afternoon, to cite one very current assessment, *The New York Times* opened an online article by describing the distressing developments of the day in the following way:

"From Hong Kong to eastern Europe to Wall Street, financial gloom was everywhere on Tuesday. Stock markets around the world staggered lower. In New York, the Dow fell more than 3 percent, coming within sight of its worst levels since the credit crisis erupted. Financial shares were battered. And rattled investors clamored to buy rainy-day investments like gold and Treasury debt. It was a global wave of selling spurred by rising worries about how banks, automakers—entire countries—would fare in a deepening global downturn."

Among the most troubling items of recent news was the report from the U.S. Department of Labor that nearly 600,000 American jobs had been lost



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in January (starkly described by the *Times* as "20,000 pink slips a day") and that a total of 3.6 million jobs had been lost since December of 2007, which now is being labeled "the beginning of the recession." The end of last week brought the sobering higher-education news that Harvard, in the wake of its endowment losses, would offer buy-outs to 1,600 nonfaculty employees.

The most-simple message from that latter development is that if Harvard has been affected in such a dramatic way by the continuing economic crisis, no other university can possibly be immune. Of course, we recognized that fact months ago and have been attentive to the stresses likely to have a negative impact on virtually all of our revenue streams.

More recently, though, much of our attention has been devoted to just one of those revenue streams—governmental funding. At this point in past years, I might have referred, more restrictively, to state funding. In 2009, though, there is such a strong link between state and federal funding that they really do need to be considered together. And while many of you have been following the unfolding events on your own, let me provide a brief overview.

The State Appropriation. The University already has been subjected to two separate rounds of "appropriation reserves," mechanisms designed to reduce state funding for the current fiscal year. These amounts are scheduled to be withheld from our June appropriation payment, unless the Commonwealth's own financial condition markedly improves by then. Those two "reserves" total 6 percent of our appropriation, or nearly \$11.4 million, and we have been adjusting our current budgets to deal with that loss.

In his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, the Governor has recommended that our appropriation be held at that reduced level. Dealing with those substantial cuts on a permanent basis will be difficult, and none of us welcomes that particular challenge. However, we also need to be realistic in recognizing that the Commonwealth itself is facing a very large deficit and needs to budget prudently. Therefore, the fact that the state-related universities would be expected to help close that gap is neither surprising nor unfair, and many of us most directly

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Pitt Holds Information Session About Its Five Campuses

The University of Pittsburgh will hold its Five-Campus College Fair on March 5 in the Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall. Representatives from the Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, Titusville, and Oakland campuses will be available to discuss the college selection process, scholarships, financial aid, and Pitt staff and faculty tuition benefits.

The free event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. It is open to University faculty and staff and their families.

Pitt Plans Lecture on Industrial Design Patents Feb. 26

Intellectual property patents will be the focus of the University of Pittsburgh's 2009 Distinguished Intellectual Property Law Lecture featuring Annette Kur, senior researcher at Germany's Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Intellectual Property, Competition, and Tax Law, at 4 p.m. Feb. 26 in Pitt's Barco Law Building.

Kur's talk is titled "The European Community Design Right: A Uniquely Tailored System for Protecting Industrial Designs."

Kur, at the forefront of international legal protection for industrial design for more than 25 years, spearheaded the Max Planck working group proposal that formed the basis of the European Union's Community Design Right Legislation. She is president of the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property, a professor at the University of Stockholm, and a visiting professor in the Hauser Global Law School Program in New York University's School of Law.

Immediately following the lecture, a group of panelists will discuss the future of global industrial design protection. Panelists are Janice M. Mueller, a professor in Pitt's School of Law and author of *An Introduction to Patent Law* (Aspen, 2003); Donald S. Chisum, an expert on patent law and intellectual property rights as well as coauthor of *Understanding Intellectual Property* (Irwin/McGraw Hill, 1992); and Daniel H. Brean, an intellectual property attorney with the Webb Law Firm in Pittsburgh.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Lila Turner Steffy at 412-648-1305 or steffy@pitt.edu.

—Anthony M. Moore

Novelist William Henry Lewis to Speak Feb. 26

Novelist William Henry Lewis will give an evening reading at the University of Pittsburgh at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in 501 Cathedral of Learning. The event is part of the 2008-09 Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series.

Lewis is the author of the short story collection *I Got Somebody in Staunton* (Amistad/Harper Collins, 2005), which was named one of four finalists for the 2006 PEN/Faulkner Prize for Fiction, and *In the Arms of Our Elders* (Carolina Wren Press, 1995). His works of fiction have appeared in such publications as *Ploughshares*, *African American Review*, and *Best American Short Stories 1996*. His works of nonfiction have appeared in *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Washington Post Book World*, and *O Magazine*.

All events in the Writers Series are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jeff Oaks at oaks@pitt.edu.

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Philosophy of Science and professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science.

The event will conclude with four breakout sessions addressing the future of scholarly journals and university presses, the roles of institutional repositories, and authors' rights. Moderators for these sessions include Rush G. Miller, director of Pitt's University Library System and University Librarian; Barbara A. Epstein, director of Pitt's Health Sciences Library System; Cynthia C. Moore, associate general counsel in Pitt's Office of General Counsel; and the four roundtable panelists.

The free event is open to Pitt students, faculty, and staff. For more information, visit www.pitt.edu/univsenate/index.html.

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Brittany Johnson

A Woman of Purpose

Pitt law student Brittany Johnson uses her energy, resourcefulness to meet career goals

By Patricia Lomando White

It was a full academic scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh that drew Brittany Johnson to Pitt in 2002. At the time, she concedes, she was nervous about her choice, but Johnson has traveled quite a path since that day years ago when she moved into the Towers.

Johnson graduated in 2006 from Pitt's School of Arts and Sciences with a bachelor's degree in communication and political science—and she now is working on a Juris Doctor degree in Pitt's School of Law and a master's degree in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). A joint-degree student, she will graduate in May 2010.

"I love Pitt," says Johnson. "I've met some great people here."

She filled her undergraduate years with solid academics, service and social activities, and a healthy dose of watching the Pitt men's and women's basketball teams. Her busy schedule has continued into her graduate-school years. Along with working part-time at the Veterans Administration hospital in Oakland, Johnson has landed a law-related internship each summer, and she continues to work diligently toward fulfilling her dream of launching a nonprofit organization that mentors young women.

Clearly, Johnson's experiences at Pitt have helped her develop into a woman of purpose.

Johnson credits Barbara Mowery, her undergraduate advisor, with helping her adjust to life on campus initially. As a member of Mowery's freshman orientation class, Johnson didn't take long to become involved in campus life. She joined Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, was academic chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and served as a resident assistant in the Towers.

Johnson always knew she wanted to go to law school. As an undergraduate, her preparation for her future was purposeful.

"I felt the communication degree would be an advantage because, as a lawyer, I would need to be able to express myself well, and the political science degree provides a good foundation for law," Johnson says.

To enhance her academics, Johnson took classes in Africana Studies, as well as the History of Black Pittsburgh class taught by Pitt history professor Laurence Glasco.

"As a student, you don't have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the city," says Johnson.

Born in Reading, Pa., Johnson still maintains close ties with the city's high



Brittany Johnson

school. Although she grew up in Southern Illinois, her family moved back to Reading when she was in the 11th grade. Johnson graduated as one of the top 10 students in her class of 568 students at Reading High School. She also played basketball for the school.

Johnson received \$14,000 in scholarship funds from the high school, and she often visits the school when she returns to Reading. She has been the keynote alumni speaker at the high school's Top Ten Dinner.

Her commitment to service is also

evidenced by her part-time job as a sitter at the Oakland VA hospital, where her task can be as simple as keeping a lonely patient company.

"My grandfather and father served in the military; they (those who serve) made a way for me, for us," she says. "I make sure to treat everyone with dignity."

As for her decision to attend Pitt's law school: "I took a good look at Pitt law and the quality of the education, and I was comfortable and confident that I would continue to get a good education at Pitt," she says.

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Midway through her first year of law school, Johnson decided that she wanted to do more with her education. Her law school class comprises 250 students, and she wanted to set herself apart from the others. She is now pursuing a master's degree in nonprofit and public management in GSPIA, with a focus on the administration, finance, and governance aspects of health law.

"I've always been a student, and I know I have a strong educational background, but because I haven't worked much, I wanted a better foundation for my long-term goals," says Johnson, who received scholarships from both the law school and GSPIA.

Johnson's résumé reflects her energy and hard work. She has served as a research assistant for Pitt law professor William Luneburg. She interned for Lisa P. Lenihan, Magistrate Judge with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and with Mary Austin, cocounsel for UPMC. This summer, she will serve as an associate in the Pittsburgh office of Burns, White, and Hickton.

Johnson says she's been lucky to have met and worked with some great women who have been willing to "show me the ropes." She cited UPMC's Mary Austin as one recent mentor, and says there have been many others.

"Growing up, I did have a lot of mentors," says Johnson, who often visits schools to talk to young girls from underrepresented populations.

Sometimes, her mere presence gives a message as important as any message she delivers. "When I go to a classroom, sometimes I don't even have to say anything," says Johnson. The unspoken message, she says, is, "Look at her! She's in law school, and she looks like me. I can do it, too!"

Johnson says it's important for women to serve as mentors. "It's important to give back, and I make a commitment to do so," she says. "You don't get anywhere alone."

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The Knowledge Engine

Harrisburg should learn what Washington knows: Research universities generate jobs and economic growth

By Mark A. Nordenberg



(This article by Chancellor Nordenberg was first published on Feb. 1, 2009, as a "Sunday Forum" opinion piece in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.)

Just last spring, residents of this region celebrated the fact that Pittsburgh had reclaimed its rightful ranking as America's "most liveable" city. However, as the global economic crisis deepened and job losses began rising to frightening levels, pride in regional amenities gave way to understandable anxieties connected to the suddenly more perilous process of simply continuing to make a living.

In this highly challenged economy, some measure of comfort can be drawn from characterizations of Pittsburgh as a comparatively "recession-proof" city. Those assessments, though taking many forms, all have identified our region's companion strengths in education and health care as the key to economic stability and growth.

A positive, front-page article in *The New York Times* described Pittsburgh's passage through a process of "deindustrialization" to an economy grounded in university-based research. A *Miami Herald* column enviously cited research as the foundation for Pittsburgh's transformation into a "Knowledge City." And the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* analyzed at length lessons from "Pittsburgh's renaissance" that might be applied there.

In the *Plain Dealer* article, David Bergholz, a Cleveland-based foundation executive who earlier had been a respected civic leader here, described a "growing gulf" between Cleveland and Pittsburgh in higher education. Referring to the unique partnership of Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh, the presence nearby of West Virginia University as a third research center, and the position of UPMC as the area's largest employer, he noted, "You don't have an equivalent of Pitt in Cleveland. It's a big engine, both region-

ally and nationally."

Pitt has helped advance this region for more than two centuries as an educational institution. More recently, it also has become one of the country's leading research centers, with annual research expenditures now exceeding \$640 million. These expenditures alone support more than 23,000 local jobs and represent a return of more than \$3.60 for every dollar of Pitt's state appropriation.

The beneficial impact of those funds, as they move through the economy, extends far beyond those actually employed in Pitt labs—from the non-University employees who build the research facilities, to the private companies that supply them, to the businesses that meet the needs of the people who work there.

In a Dec. 14 *Post-Gazette* column, Harold Miller, a highly regarded analyst of regional economic trends, confirmed that our local economy has been doing better than most. He asserted that a major reason for our relatively enviable position was the fact that fully "one-fifth of the jobs in the Pittsburgh region ... are in the two most recession-resistant sectors: health care and higher education." This places Pittsburgh at a distinct advantage, he made clear, not only with respect to Cleveland but compared to almost every other major metropolitan region of the country.

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Even more recently released statewide employment data support this assessment. According to a Jan. 22 report by the state Department of Labor & Industry, Pennsylvania lost more than 27,000 jobs in December. The single bright spots were the education and health services sectors, which added 1,500 jobs and set a record-high job count that month.

Mr. Miller also pushed beyond the present and raised a question critical to our community: How long will our region be able to maintain this comparative advantage?

The answer is heavily dependent on the level of priority assigned to public investments in Pennsylvania's public research universities, which now compete on an uneven playing field and face stiff challenges for research dollars from better-funded competitors.

Signs on the federal front are encouraging. Though bipartisanship began to fray within days of President Barack Obama's inauguration, there seems to be a widely shared recognition in Congress that well-targeted investments will be required to return our struggling national economy to a position of strength. And the economic stimulus package moving forward in Washington is grounded in a clearly stated

commitment by the Obama administration to "increase federal support for research, technology, and innovation for companies and universities so that American families can lead the world in creating new advanced jobs and products."

As a general matter, state funding trends have not placed a similarly high priority on the unique educational and economic contributions flowing from Pennsylvania's public research universities. Pitt's state appropriation, which once represented nearly one-third of the University's operating budget, has fallen to slightly more than 10 percent today, with many competitor universities still receiving two to three times that level of support from their home states.

In recent years, the decline has been even more dramatic. Since 2001, the overall state budget has increased by nearly 40 percent, and inflation has risen by almost 27 percent, but the state's direct investment in Pitt has decreased by more than 5 percent, with the appropriation remaining essentially flat over that eight-year period if federal matching dollars are counted as a form of state support. The trend lines for Penn State and Temple are similar.

In the current economic environment, it seems unlikely that there will be room for any funding trends to improve dramatically, and every institution can fairly be asked to share in the sacrifices required to see the state and country through these troubled times. However, an important sense of context was provided more than two centuries ago by Benjamin Franklin, when he said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

That timeless view is supported by current data and seems to be alive and well in Washington. Hopefully, Mr. Franklin's words of wisdom also will echo through the halls of his own state Capitol in Harrisburg as this year's state budget-building process moves forward.

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Paying It Forward

Like many people trying to get their degrees, Al Silkroski (CGS '90) worked to support his family and pay for school.

"I went to Pitt for two years, then left to work full-time," says Silkroski. "I always wanted to go back, but there were so many responsibilities I had to consider."

As Silkroski continued to work, he developed a solid relationship with his employer, Dick Swanson (KGSB '55), chair of Swanson Group Ltd., a Carnegie-based supplier of limestone. "About a year after I began working for him, he heard that I wanted to go back to school," Silkroski recalls. In a show of support, Swanson lent Silkroski money toward tuition as an incentive for him to finish his degree in the evenings—and it worked.

Silkroski worked as a plant laborer at Swanson Group during the days and went to night school at Pitt for almost five years to finish his bachelor's degree in business. He was also busy helping his wife raise two toddlers.

"Dick gave me the encouragement I

needed so I wouldn't keep making excuses about my degree," says Silkroski.

Now the president and founder of Hilltop Enterprises, Inc., an environmental remediation firm in West Chester, Pa., Silkroski attributes a large part of his success to Swanson for helping to jump-start his career. In appreciation, Silkroski recently created the Perry Richard Swanson Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of his former employer.

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"Giving back was important to me," explains Silkroski. "I feel like I can repay Dick by finally 'paying it forward' to help other people who might be in a similar situation. I had hoped from the day he gave me that loan that I'd be able to help someone else. And I finally got the

chance."

Humbled by the honor of having a scholarship dedicated to him, Swanson remarks, "I'm just thrilled that Al has done something like this to help other people keep their dreams within reach."



Dick Swanson (left) and Al Silkroski

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lanthanum aluminate, both of which are insulators. The conducting nanowires could then be erased with a reverse voltage or with light, rendering the interface an insulator once more.

The current publication in *Science* illustrates that the potential of this process extends beyond simple insulators and conductors—it can be tailored to specific uses, most notably field-effect transistors (FETs), the building blocks of computers and electronics. Levy and his colleagues fashioned a transistor they call a "SketchFET" with feature sizes of only two nanometers—considerably smaller than the most-advanced silicon transistor, which measures 45 nanometers. Given the SketchFET's small size, many more transistors could be packed into a single device.

The SketchFET seems to have notable similarities to silicon transistors, said Alexander Bratkovsky, a senior scientist in the Information and Quantum Systems Lab at HP Labs who is familiar with Levy's work. HP Labs is the central research facility for Hewlett-Packard.

"The channel current-voltage characteristics of the SketchFET look very close to a silicon transistor, and its characteristics look promising," he said. "In terms of simplicity,



Jeremy Levy

it's striking. Transistors are typically laid out in many layers. The whole idea that you can take a single buried oxide interface and form structures almost by writing it in a two-dimensional layout is very interesting. It's an elegant piece of research with a lot of potential for electronics and sensors. It indicates that there could be other interesting developments and uses for oxide interfaces with an unexpectedly high mobility of carriers localized near the interface."

The Pitt team has introduced a relatively practical method for working with nanotechnology and tailoring it to various applications, said Evelyn Hu, Gordon McKay Professor of Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering in Harvard University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

"They have created devices on demand by writing patterns with an atomic force microscope and, in doing so, they are opening up numerous new applications," Hu said. "To take a blank sheet and write in the electronic function is accomplishment enough, but to do that then erase it and create a completely different function is truly powerful. They have laid the groundwork for a new technology that can take on many forms.

"Their approach has particular benefits

for nanoelectronics," she continued. "Working with nanoscale devices usually requires precise definition and placement of the component structures. Fine-tuning a device or structure is often tedious and expensive. This method, however, allows for ease and flexibility in forming and re-forming the device after the initial preparation. These devices, in their fabrication and generation of electric charge, illustrate a cognizance of the unique potential and challenges of the nanoscale."

The idea for the Etch A Sketch™ process originated from a visit Levy made to the University of Augsburg in Germany where the *Science* paper's coauthors, Jochen Manhart and his student Stefan Thiel, showed Levy how the entire interface could be switched between a conducting and insulating state. Levy thought of adapting the process to nanoscale dimensions, and his student and coauthor, Cheng Cen, brought the idea to fruition.

The full paper is available from *Science* at www.eurekalert.org/jrnls/sci/ or by contacting the *Science* press package team at 202-326-6440 or scipak@aaas.org.

PITT 76, UCONN 68



The Pitt Panthers beat No. 1-ranked Connecticut 76-68 on Feb. 16 at the Huskies' XL Center in Hartford, Conn. The game marked the Panthers' first win ever over a No. 1-ranked team. Pictured is guard Jermaine Dixon driving for a layup during the game.

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involved in the process are grateful to the Governor for his efforts to avoid even deeper cuts.

However, the continuation of a pattern assigning deficit-reduction responsibilities in disproportionate ways across Pennsylvania's public higher education institutions is problematic. As noted above, Pitt and the other state-related universities (Lincoln, Penn State, and Temple) were targeted for funding at levels reduced by their assigned midyear "reserve" responsibilities. In contrast, the 14 universities of the State System of Higher Education were recommended to receive an appropriation equal to what had been authorized for the current fiscal year, without any such reductions. Community colleges fared even better, with a recommendation that they receive 2 percent more than the levels that had been approved for this fiscal year.

The Tuition Relief Act. This pattern of differentiation was continued in a new proposal labeled the "Pennsylvania Tuition Relief Act." The importance to Pitt of developing ways to provide tuition relief for our students already was clearly, publicly, and tangibly underscored when we made attracting additional scholarship support our highest capital campaign priority. For the state to step in and provide this new form of student support would help to offset comparatively low levels of funding for higher education in Pennsylvania that have been a major factor in escalating tuition rates.

The proposed act would rely on the legalization of video poker and the taxation of its proceeds to create a new revenue base. That revenue would be used to provide up to \$7,600 in relief for tuition, fees, room, and board for Pennsylvania families with incomes less than \$100,000—a group that includes the families of large numbers of Pitt students. Governor Rendell was forceful in articulating the need for this plan, saying:

"[T]he truth is we can't afford NOT to provide this relief. Through no fault of their own, families who trusted that they could save for their children's college education have seen those funds decimated. And if we don't offer them a helping hand, we will reap the whirlwind of a future in which our citizens cannot compete for the high-tech and other quality jobs that demand a college education. We have to help them, and we have to do it now."

The Governor's address itself referred only, in general terms, to payments that would "greatly enhance the ability to fund a public or community college education" and added that "in

helping these students, we are investing in a brighter future for ourselves as well." However, the draft act, in its current form, limits these benefits to students enrolled in community colleges or universities of the State System of Higher Education, as opposed to all of Pennsylvania's public higher education institutions, including Pitt and the other state-related universities.

Ironically, it is the state-related universities that have become the universities-of-choice for many of Pennsylvania's most committed and talented high school students, and it is access to the state-related universities that keeps those students in Pennsylvania. To a considerable extent, it also is the public research universities within that group that most effectively leverage the state investments in them and that are generating many of the very high-tech jobs of the future, to which the Governor referred, through their research efforts. More than any other sector, it also is the state-related universities that have been disadvantaged by budgeting practices that have led to funding levels that lag well behind the support provided to peer universities in other states.

Judging from early legislative reactions, the tuition relief proposal faces many obstacles to enactment, including opposition to the proposed gambling-based funding stream. However, as the Governor noted, this is just the kind of initiative, if properly framed, that could give both the Pennsylvania families who depend upon public higher education and the Commonwealth itself a badly needed and mutually beneficial boost. As I stated during the Senate Council meeting on the day of his budget address, when many of the specifics were even less clear, working with the Governor, and others involved in the process, to ensure that Pitt students and their families are among the beneficiaries of any such legislation must be a high priority.

The Federal Stimulus Act. Amidst much drama and debate, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, federal legislation designed to stimulate the economy, was passed by the Congress late last week and signed into law by President Obama yesterday. It should be noted that U.S. Senator Arlen Specter played a major role in securing the passage of this act, which includes a number of provisions that are of great importance to higher education. Based on the summaries that currently are available, let me comment briefly on some of those provisions.

• The act includes several beneficial provisions relating to student aid, which will become increasingly important as more families feel the impact of the recession. Additional funding for the Pell Grant program will permit an increase in the maximum award from its current level of \$4,731, to \$5,350 in 2009, and to \$5,550 by 2010. Support for the federal work-study program also was increased, and an expanded American Opportunity Tax Credit will replace

the current Hope Scholarship Tax Credit—increasing the amount of the available credit, making its application more flexible, and expanding eligibility.

• The act authorized \$16 billion in funding for research—including \$10 billion for the National Institutes of Health, \$3 billion for the National Science Foundation, and \$2 billion for the Department of Energy. The University of Pittsburgh, as we all know, has an enviable record of competing effectively for such funds, which not only benefit Pitt programs but also provide a significant economic boost to the state that is our home. In fact, Pitt now attracts more than \$3.60 in research support for every \$1 of appropriation and supports some 23,000 local jobs through its research expenditures alone.

• Also important, though its specific applications are harder to predict, is the act's creation of a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. Most basically, to the extent that this fund—as well as other provisions in the act, such as those providing increased funding for state Medicaid programs—provides relief for the Commonwealth from its own budget pressures, that is a positive development for institutions depending on state support. Beyond that, the stabilization fund is designed to help states reverse cuts made to education budgets in the last two years, including those supporting higher education. The act does not include \$6 billion of support for campus infrastructure projects that had been a part of the House bill, though some stabilization funds may be available for such purposes.

By last Friday, newspapers were reporting that the Governor was relieved by the passage of this act and that sharp additional cuts to the appropriations proposed for the state-related universities and other institutions would not be required. That, obviously, is good news because it places us in a far better position than we might have occupied had the stimulus act not passed. However, it is important not to lose sight of the challenging circumstances that remain. As noted earlier, we continue to be affected by what is a true economic crisis, all of our revenue streams are under stress, and crafting an operating budget for the next fiscal year will be very challenging. This will be our situation, even if things do not get worse—and they still might. Further, since we are part of a 222-year-old university and are "in it for the long haul," we need to remember that much of the stimulus funding has a two-year life that will pass quickly.

As I noted in a recent column in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (see reprint of the article on page 4), analysts from around the country have looked with envy at this region's comparative economic stability, which they trace largely to its companion strengths in higher education and health care. It is a source of both special satisfaction

and real responsibility to know that we are positioned to help our home region move through these difficult times. And, whatever labels analysts may use, neither this region nor any other is truly "recession proof." Instead, especially as unemployment rates rise, more of our neighbors will be individuals and families in need.

I spent part of last Friday afternoon with the president of the United Way of Allegheny County. Pitt always has conducted a model United Way campaign, and we will meet those high standards again this year. However, perhaps because of the new levels of uncertainty that many of us feel ourselves, we are lagging behind last year's campaign totals, even as community needs are rising and United Way agencies are being asked to do more. Let me just say, then, that if any of you are inclined to make end-of-campaign donations, those funds will be put to good use.

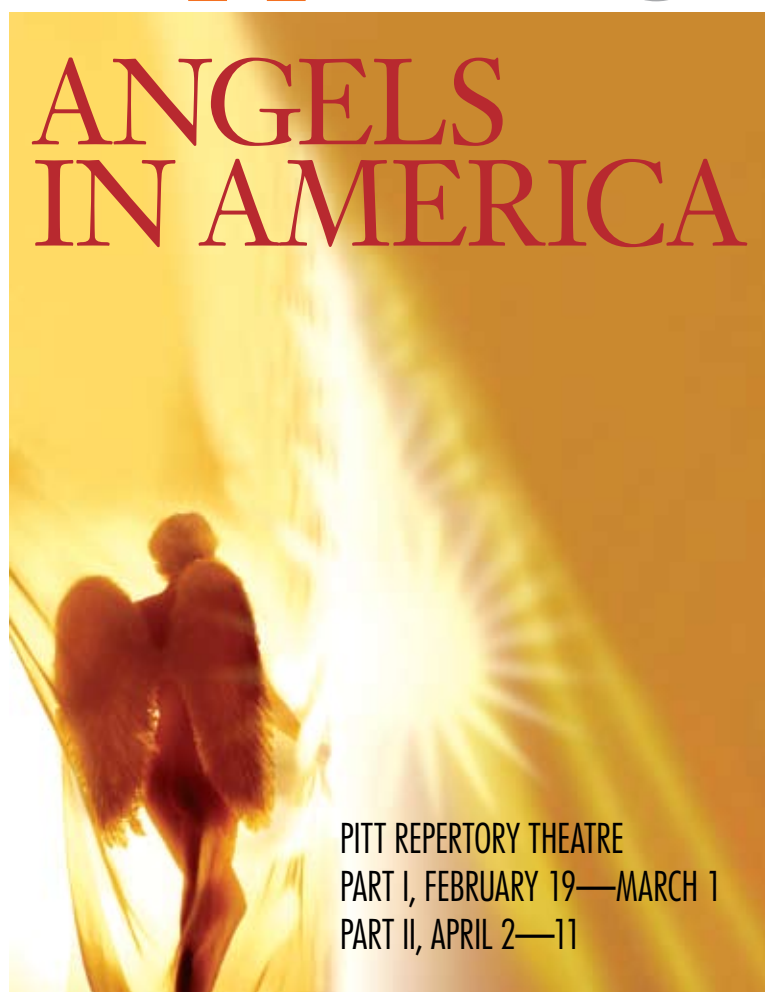
Within the University community, recent student reactions to the destructive acts that were a part of Oakland's Super Bowl celebrations have been heartening. Student leaders have made the avoidance of future disturbances a priority; other students have expressed regret and assisted with ongoing investigations; the *Pitt News* has published a reflective and apologetic editorial; and, late last week, a student drive to collect funds to pay for some of the damage was launched. As I said in my earlier Update, the quality of Pitt students is measured by the strength of their character, as well as by their academic abilities, and that character has been shining brightly in recent days.

The quality, impact, and importance of the work being done here at Pitt also continues to shine in inspiring ways, as is so clearly reflected in my opening examples. At the conclusion of his bicentennial history of our University, Robert Alberts concluded that "this is essentially a success story—a happy chronicle of a sound and worthwhile accomplishment." In the 23 years since that volume's publication, the successes of our University have continued to grow, which is a credit to you and others like you—people who have believed in our mission and who have worked both tirelessly and effectively to advance it. As the University moves further into its third century, that commitment will be essential in crafting what may be remembered as one of Pitt's most critical successes—maintaining the momentum we already have built as we move through this very difficult time together.

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Happenings



Concerts

Destined for Impressionism: Painting With Music, Walden Chamber Players perform as part of the exhibition *The Road to Impressionism—Barbizon Landscapes From the Walters Art Museum*, galleries open 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 24**, Frick Art and Historical Center, 7227 Reynolds St., Point Breeze, Music for Exhibitions Series, 412-371-0600, www.frickart.org.

Kurt Elling, young baritone jazz singer with seven Grammy nominations, 7 p.m. **Feb. 27**, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, 1815 Metropolitan St., Manchester, 412-322-0800, www.mcgi jazz.com.

Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1, also Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8*; Manfred Honeck, conductor; Rudolf Buchbinder, piano; 8 p.m. **Feb. 27-28**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, BNY Mellon Grand Classics, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland, Manuel de Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat* with interpretative dance by guests from Attack Theatre, and Reinhold Glière's *Russian Sailor's Dance*; Daniel Meyer, music director; Lawrence Loh, copricipal conductor; free, bring canned or boxed food item donation, 2 p.m. **Feb. 28**, Heinz Hall, Downtown, Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, 412-392-4872, for free tickets visit www.pyso.us.

Morningside Trio, free concert followed by reception, 3 p.m. **March 1**, First Baptist Church, 159 N. Bellefield Ave., Oakland, Sanctuary Concert Series, 412-621-0500, www.sanctuaryconcertseries.org.

Piano recital, featuring Sam Oram and Eric Clark, winners of the Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania's 2008 Award Competition, 3 p.m. **March 1**, First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh, 605 Morewood Ave., Shadyside, Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania, 412-765-0603, www.sswpa.org.

Exhibitions

Kimbo Gallery, *In Sisterhood: The Women's Movement in Pittsburgh*, multimedia exhibition, through **Feb. 27**, William Pitt Union, Pitt's Women's Studies Program, 412-624-6485, www.wstudies.pitt.edu.

Modernformations Gallery, *Metal*

Night: The Artwork of Ed Steck, through **Feb. 27**, 4919 Penn Ave., Garfield, 412-362-0274, www.modernformations.com

Free at Last? Slavery in Pittsburgh in the 18th and 19th Centuries, through **April 5**, exhibition by the University of Pittsburgh at the Senator John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman St., Strip District, 412-454-6000, www.pghhistory.org.

Film

La Ultima Cena (1976), directed by Tomas Gutiérrez Alea, 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 25**, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Pitt's Center for Latin American Studies, Amigos del Cine Latino Americano Spring 2009 Series, www.amigosdelcinelatinoamericano.blogspot.com.

The Vagina Monologues (2002), directed by Eve Ensler, 8:30 p.m. **Feb. 26**, 1501 Posvar Hall, with discussion led by Sealing Cheng, Henry Luce Assistant Professor in the Women's Studies Department, Wellesley College, Pitt Women's Studies Film Festival, Pitt Women's Campus Organization, 412-624-6485, www.wstudies.pitt.edu.

A Closer Walk (2003), directed by Robert Bilheimer, 3 p.m. **Feb. 27**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt Global Studies Program, 412-624-2918, www.ucis.pitt.edu.

Lectures/Seminars/Readings

"Grants Over Lunch," Michael Zigmund, Pitt professor of neurology, noon-1:30 p.m. **Feb. 24**, brown bag lunch, Room S100 Biomedical Science Tower 2, Survival Skills and Ethics Program, 412-578-3716, www.survival.pitt.edu.

"History Matters! But Why? And How?" Claus Beisbart, Dortmund University of Technologies professor of philosophy, 12:05 p.m. **Feb. 24**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Lunchtime Talk, Pitt's Center for Philosophy of Science, 412-624-1052, www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr.

"Liver and Transplant Pathology: From the Bedside and Microscope to the Bench," Anthony J. Demetris, Pitt Thomas E. Starzl Professorship in Transplantation Pathology, 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 24, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Provost's Inaugural Lectures, 412-624-4222, www.provost.pitt.edu.

"Beyond Chinggis Khan: Mongol Connections With the World of Islam," Johan Elver-skog, Southern Methodist University professor of religious studies, 5:30-8:30 p.m. **Feb. 24**, 4130 Posvar Hall, World History Seminar for Teachers, National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, Pitt Asian Studies Center, 412-648-7370, www.ucis.pitt.edu/main.

"Life and Death in Soviet Prison Camps," Julie Draskoczy, doctoral candidate in Slavic languages and literatures, 8 p.m. **Feb. 24**, Sutherland Hall Lounge, Pitt International Studies Living Learning Community, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 412-624-2918, www.ucis.pitt.edu/crees.

"The Spectator and the Topographical City," Martin Aurand, senior librarian and archivist in Carnegie Mellon University Libraries' Arts and Special Collections Department, 10:30 a.m.- noon **Feb. 25**, Room 501 Pitt Information Sciences Building, Publishing Pittsburgh Pictures Lecture Series, School of Information Sciences, Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists, 412-624-5139, www.ischool.pitt.edu/colloquia.

"Carnal Knowledge: Emotion, the Face, and the Crisis of Male 'Performance'," Kyle Stevens, Pitt doctoral candidate in English and film studies, noon **Feb. 25**, 2201 Posvar Hall, Pitt Women's Studies Program, 412-624-6485, www.wstudies.pitt.edu.

"Why the Violence? A Discussion About Greek Politics and Society," Achilles Mitsos, visiting professor in the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Despina Alexiadou, Pitt assistant professor of political science, 2 p.m. **Feb. 25**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt European Studies Center, 412-648-7405, www.ucis.pitt.edu.

"Will India and China Dominate the 21st Century Global Economy?" Lee Branstetter, Carnegie Mellon University professor of economics and public policy, noon **Feb. 26**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Asia Over Lunch Series, Pitt Asian Studies Center, 412-648-7370, www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc.

"The Global Future of Industrial Design Protection," Annette Kur, research fellow in Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition, and Tax Law, lecture followed by panel discussion, 4 p.m. **Feb. 26**, Barco Law Building, Pitt's School of Law, 412-648-1305, www.law.pitt.edu. (See page 2)

"A Treatise in the Spirit of Its Age: Universality, Individualism, and Dynamism in Gratian's Tractatus de Penitentia," Atria Larson, doctoral candidate in Catholic University of America, 4 p.m. **Feb. 26**, 3702 Posvar Hall, Pitt European Studies Center, 412-648-7405, www.ucis.pitt.edu.

William Henry Lewis, novelist, 8:30 p.m. **Feb. 26**, 501 Cathedral of Learning, free, Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series, Pitt Department of English, 412-648-7390, www.english.pitt.edu. (See page 2)

"The Axis of Sexuality: The State and Women's Bodies in Anti-trafficking and Multiculturalism Policy in South Korea," Sealing Cheng, Wellesley College Henry Luce Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, noon **Feb. 27**, 2201 Posvar Hall, Pitt's Women's Studies and Asian Studies Center, 412-624-7370, www.ucis.pitt.edu.

"Great Steps in the History of Life: Finding an Evolutionary Link Between Fishes and Limbed Vertebrates," Ted Daeschler, associate curator and chair, vertebrate zoology, Academy of Natural Sciences, 3 p.m. **Feb. 27**, Bayer Learning Center, Pappert Lecture Hall, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Ave., Uptown; also 1 p.m. **Feb. 28**, Carnegie Museum of Art Theater, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Evidence for Evolution: A Celebration of Charles Darwin's 200th Birthday Lecture Series, Duquesne University, www.sepa.duq.edu/darwin/talks.html.

Miscellaneous

"Building Additional Workforce Capacity in Western PA for the Coming New Energy Supply Chain," presentation by panel including Bopaya



"Why the Violence? A Discussion About Greek Politics and Society" Lecture, Posvar Hall February 26

Bidanda, Pitt professor of industrial engineering, also roundtable luncheon, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Feb. 26**, Manufacturing Assistance Center, 210 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, 412-826-3531, jrm144@pitt.edu.

Pitt Five-Campus College Fair for college-bound highschool students and children of Pitt faculty and staff, representatives from all five Pitt campuses will be present, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. **March 5**, Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall, lepl@pitt.edu. (See page 2)

Opera/Theater/ Dance

Martin R. Delaney: The Pittsburgh Years, one-man show of "one of Pittsburgh's greatest real-life heroes" portrayed by Wali Jamal, directed by Marel Woodruff, through **Feb. 28**, Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre, 542 Penn Ave., Cultural District, History's Flipside, 412-583-6395.

The National Acrobats of China, 8 p.m. **Feb. 28**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

Movin' Out, musical based on 26 Billy Joel classics, choreographer Twyla Tharp, **Feb. 28, March 1**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, PNC Broadway Across America, 412-456-6666, www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/pittsburgh.

Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches, first part of Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by Tony Kushner, directed by Holly Thuma, through **March 1**, Charity Randall Theatre, Stephen Foster Memorial, Pitt Repertory Theatre's American Revelation Series, 412-624-7529, www.play.pitt.edu.



Kurt Elling
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild
February 27

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Pitt Honors College Hosts Panel on Future of Journalism, Democracy

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh Honors College and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* will host a presentation titled “The Future of Journalism and Democracy” featuring a national panel of seasoned media professionals at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 in the auditorium of the Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Blvd., Oakland.

Panelists are Chad Hermann, communications consultant, blogger for *The Radical Middle*, and editorial director of *Carbolic Smoke Ball*; Meg Martin, editor for *The Roanoke Times*’ roanoke.com; Jay Rosen, professor in the Department of Journalism at New York University (NYU); and Jon Wolman, editor and publisher of *The Detroit News*. *Post-Gazette* executive editor David Shribman will moderate.

Those interested in attending this free public event must RSVP by e-mail to uhcevent@pitt.edu (preferred) or call 412-624-6880, providing name, phone number, and requested number of tickets, which will be available at the door.

Hermann, writer, editor, blogger, and consultant, spent 14 years teaching in higher education—the last 10 of those as a management communications faculty member in Carnegie Mellon University’s Tepper School of Business—before becoming a consultant. In 2006, *BusinessWeek* magazine named him one of the country’s top 25 undergraduate business professors. Hermann has coedited eight books, including *Gun Monkeys* (Dell, 2003); and has contributed poems and essays to such publications as *Newsday* and *The Huffington Post*. His blog *The Radical Middle* appears on the *Post-Gazette*’s Web site, post-gazette.com.

Martin was a multimedia producer and served briefly as online communities editor before taking the lead at roanoke.com. She spent two years at The Poynter Institute, first as a summer fellow in the institute’s writing program, then as a yearlong Naughton Fellow,



and as an associate editor of *Poynter Online*. Martin has taught at The Poynter Institute and will soon begin work with the News Literacy Project, a partner with The Poynter Institute. A Pittsburgh native, Martin graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2005 with a BA degree in English and a focus on oral storytelling and family narrative.



Meg Martin

Rosen has served on NYU’s journalism faculty since 1986 and was chair of the department from 1999 to 2005. He is author of *PressThink* (www.pressthink.org), a blog he introduced in September 2003 about journal-

ism and its ordeals, which won the Reporters Without Borders 2005 Freedom Blog Award for outstanding defense of free expression. He also blogs at *The Huffington Post* and is a member of the Wikipedia Advisory Board. He is author of *What Are Journalists For?* (Yale University Press, 1999). He was director of the Project on Public Life and the Press from 1993 to 1997. As a press critic and reviewer, Rosen has published in *The Nation* and the *Columbia Journalism Review* as well as other publications. He received a PhD degree in media studies from NYU.

As *The Detroit News*’ editor and publisher, **Wolman** oversees the paper’s administrative and news operations and publishes *The Detroit News*’ Web site, detnews.com,

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Shribman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism in 1995 for his coverage of Washington and the American political scene.



David Shribman

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