

## Faculty Members Bender, Grabowski Win 2009 Bellet Award



Gretchen Bender



Joseph J. Grabowski

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh School of Arts and Sciences has named Gretchen Bender, lecturer in the Department of the History of Art and Architecture, and Joseph J. Grabowski, a professor in the Department of Chemistry, winners of the 2009 Tina and David Bellet Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. The Bellet Award recipients will be honored at a by-invitation-only dinner at 7 p.m. April 1 in the William Pitt Union Ballroom.

The Bellet Awards were established in 1998 with a \$200,000 donation from Arts and Sciences alumnus David Bellet (CAS '67) and his wife, Tina, to recognize outstanding and innovative undergraduate teaching in the School of Arts and Sciences. A committee appointed by the Arts and Sciences associate dean for undergraduate studies evaluates teaching skills as evidenced by student-teaching and peer evaluations, student testimonials, and dossiers submitted by the nominees. Full-time faculty who have taught in Arts and Sciences during the past three years are eligible. Each award recipient receives a cash prize of \$5,000.

Bender has been director of undergraduate advising in the history of art and architecture department since 2002. She serves on the Pitt Arts and Sciences Writing Board and, in 2008, was a member of the Philip

Johnson Exhibition Catalogue Award Committee for the Society of Architectural Historians. In 1992, Bender had an internship at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and was a research assistant at Bryn Mawr College from 1996 to 1999.

Her publications include "Gaertner's Compromise: Spectatorship and Social Order in the 1834 *Panorama of Berlin*," in *New Perspectives on the Panorama*, a forthcoming anthology edited by Tim Barringer. Bender is working on a book titled *Tracing Caroline: Gender and the Landscape Practice of C.D. Friedrich*.

Bender has received several honors, including the Doris Sill Carland Prize for Excellence in Teaching from Bryn Mawr College in 1996, and at Franklin and Marshall College, she won the Robert M. and Elizabeth Hatton Landis Art Award in 1991 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She also had a Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities at Bryn Mawr College from 1999 to 2000 and a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst research grant in Bonn, Germany, in 1998.

Bender is a member of the College Art Association, Historians of German and Central European Art, German Academic Exchange Service Alumni Association, and American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

She earned a BA degree in art history, cum laude, at Franklin and Marshall College in 1991, an MA degree at the American University in 1994, and a PhD degree in German art of the Romantic era at Bryn Mawr College in 2001.

Grabowski, director of undergraduate research in Arts and Sciences, began teaching at Pitt in 1991. His research spans fundamental issues in physical-organic chemistry and analytical mass spectrometry. Prior to joining the University, Grabowski was a professor of chemistry at Harvard University.

He has written or cowritten numerous articles, including "Simple HTML Templates for Creating Science Oriented *Jeopardy!* Games for Active Learning," with M.L. Price in the *Journal of Chemical Education* (2003); "The Office of Experiential Learning: Supporting Faculty, Engaging Students," with Margaret E. Heely in *CUR Quarterly* (2006); and "A Model for Scaffolding Faculty-Mentored Authentic Research Experiences for First-Year Students," with Heely and Jacob A. Brindley in *CUR Quarterly* (2008). A chapter, "Active Learning Using the Virtual Mass Spectrometry Laboratory," with Mark E. Bier, appeared in *ACS Symposium Series 970: Active Learning Models From the Analytical Sciences* (American Chemical Society/Oxford University Press, 2007).

Among Grabowski's honors are a Carnegie Science Center Award for Excellence

and the Pitt Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, both in 2003. He was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1991 and was a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator from 1986 to 1991.

Grabowski is a member of various organizations, including the American Chemical Society, American Society for Mass Spectrometry, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, and American Association of Colleges and Universities.

He earned a BA degree in chemistry, magna cum laude, at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in 1978 and a PhD degree in organic chemistry at the University of Colorado in 1983.



Tina and David Bellet

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## 12 Pitt Women to Be Honored at Women's History Month Reception

By Sharon S. Blake

During the 2008-09 academic year, the University of Pittsburgh is celebrating the 110th anniversary of a significant moment in its history. Members of the Class of 1898, sisters Stella and Margaret Stein became the first women to graduate from the Western University of Pennsylvania, which later became the University of Pittsburgh. The Stein sisters were the top two in academics in their graduating class, and they have served as an inspiration to the countless other women who have attended Pitt.

In this spirit, and to mark March as Women's History Month, the publisher and editors of *Pitt Magazine*, the University's quarterly flagship publication, are recognizing a group of 12 phenomenal Pitt women at a by-invitation-only reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 5 at the Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Blvd., Oakland. *Pitt Magazine* is also featuring profiles of the women in its Winter 2009 issue.

"The story of the Stein sisters is a great beginning to Pitt's long and wonderful history of attracting and educating remarkable women," says Cindy Gill, *Pitt Magazine's* editor in chief. "The magazine takes particular pride in offering a special tribute to a contemporary group of accom-



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# BrieflyNoted

## Economic Policy Institute's Richard Rothstein to Speak

The University of Pittsburgh's Learning Policy Center (LPC) will present a lecture by Richard Rothstein from 2:30 to 4 p.m. March 3 in 5604 Posvar Hall. The lecture, "Getting Accountability Right," is part of LPC'S 2008-09 colloquium series, Excellence and Equity in an Era of Accountability.

A research associate of the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., Rothstein was the national education columnist for *The New York Times* from 1992 to 2002 and a visiting professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, from 2003 to 2006. He also is the author of many books, including *Class and Schools: Using Social, Economic, and Educational Reform to Close the Black-White Achievement Gap* (Teachers College Press, 2004).

Based on his newest book, *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* (Teachers College Press, 2008), Rothstein's lecture will focus on a new kind of accountability plan for public education that relies on higher-quality testing and professional evaluation. The lecture is free to the public, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, visit [www.learningpolicycenter.org](http://www.learningpolicycenter.org) or contact Julia Kaufman at [lpc@pitt.edu](mailto:lpc@pitt.edu).

—Meredith Johnson



Richard Rothstein

## Joshua Rifkin Residency to Honor Mary S. Lewis

Musicologist, conductor, pianist, and recording artist Joshua Rifkin will be in-residence in the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Music from March 3 to 5 to honor Pitt musicology professor Mary S. Lewis, who is retiring this spring after more than 22 years on Pitt's faculty.

Best known to the general public for his leading role in the ragtime revival of the early 1970s through his Nonesuch solo recordings of Scott Joplin's piano works, Rifkin will meet with graduates and

undergraduates and deliver a public lecture, "Bach's Struggle ... and Mine. Reflections on the B Minor Mass." The free lecture will be held at 4 p.m. on March 3 in Room 132 of the Music Building and will be followed by a reception.

Lewis specializes in early music and the music of the Renaissance. Her three-volume work, *Antonio Gardano, Venetian Music Printer 1538-1569: A Descriptive Bibliography and Historical Study* (Garland Press, 1988), received the Music Library Association's 2007 Vincent H. Duckles Award, given annually for the best book-length bibliography or other research music tool.

—Phil Thompson

## DePaul Distinguished Research Professor of Law to Lecture

The University of Pittsburgh's School of Law will present a lecture by M. Cherif Bassiouni, distinguished research professor of law, at 4:30 p.m. March 5 in 113 Barco Law Building. The lecture, "The Conflict Between Justice and Power," is this year's selection for the annual Lawyering for Social Change Lecture.

Bassiouni is a research professor of law at DePaul University College of Law and president emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute. He also serves as president of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in Siracusa, Italy, as well as the honorary president of the International Association of Penal Law in Paris, France.



M. Cherif Bassiouni

Bassiouni held several positions with the United Nations, including chair of the Security Council's Commission to Investigate War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia (1992-94). He also is the author of 27 books and hundreds of articles dealing with criminal law and international human rights law.

The event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception. For more information, contact Lila Turner Steffy at 412-648-1305 or [steffy@pitt.edu](mailto:steffy@pitt.edu).

—Meredith Johnson

## FEMA Official to Discuss Federal Emergency Management

To provide insight into the nation's preparation for unforeseen natural disasters or man-made terror, the University of Pittsburgh's Center for National Preparedness (CNP) will host a lecture by Jonathan Sarubbi, an administrator for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III, at 3 p.m. March 5 in 528 Alumni Hall. The lecture, part of the CNP's 2008-09 Seminar Series, is titled "Federal Emergency Management."

As a regional administrator, Sarubbi coordinates FEMA's emergency preparedness, mitigation, and disaster-response and recovery activities. His talk will focus on the mission of FEMA and the unique challenges found within Region III, which comprises the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia as well as the District of Columbia. He also will discuss anticipated changes to FEMA's policies in the Obama Administration.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is recommended. For

more information or to register, visit [www.cnp.pitt.edu](http://www.cnp.pitt.edu) or call 412-624-8291.

—Anthony M. Moore

## Pitt to Host Documentary Director, Writer Ed Robbins

The University of Pittsburgh's Global Studies Program and the Global Solutions Education Fund Pittsburgh will present a free public lecture by Ed Robbins, documentary director, writer, and videographer at 6 p.m. March 26 in 113 Barco Law Building.

During his address, Robbins will share his personal experiences in shaping war and crisis stories into documentaries. He also will address the issues associated with that process, including possible ethical implications of amateur photographers disseminating on the Internet images from inside war-torn countries.

Robbins is an award-winning director, writer, producer, and videographer of national and international documentaries on a wide range of subjects. He has worked in many countries, including Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Iraq, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Syria. Robbins' programs have been shown on highly respected broadcasting outlets around the globe, including ABC News' *Nightline*, BBC2, PBS, and *National Geographic*.

This lecture is part of the spring Global Issues Lecture Series, Images of War: Representations of Conflict and their Impact on Public Discourse. For more information, contact Veronica Distas at 412-624-2918 or [distas@pitt.edu](mailto:distas@pitt.edu).

—Amanda Leff



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—Cindy Gill



Margaret Stein



Stella Stein

The *Pitt Chronicle* will honor these women by reprinting the *Pitt Magazine* profiles in the *Chronicle's* March 16, 23, and 30 issues.

The honorees are:

**Susan G. Amara**, Thomas Detre Professor and chair, Department of Neurobiology, Pitt School of Medicine; codirector, Center for

Neuroscience;

**Agnus Berenato**, head coach, Pitt Women's Basketball;

**Eva Tansky Blum**, (A&S '70, LAW '73), trustee and cochair, Building Our Future Together capital campaign;

**Yuan Chang**, professor of pathology, Pitt School of Medicine;

**Helen Faison** (EDUC '46, '55G, '75G), emeritus member of the Pitt Board of Trustees;

**Angela M. Gronenborn**, UPMC Rosalind Franklin Professor and chair, Department of Structural Biology, Pitt School of Medicine;

**Kathy W. Humphrey**, vice provost and dean of students;

**Amy Krueger Marsh**, treasurer and chief investment officer, Pitt Office of Budget and Controller;

**Eleanor Ott**, 2008 Truman Scholar, Pitt Class of '09;

**Alberta Sbragia**, Mark A. Nordenberg University Chair and director of Pitt's European Union Center for Excellence and the European Studies Center;

**Jeannette South-Paul**, (MED '79), UPMC Andrew W. Mathieson Professor and chair, Department of Family Medicine, Pitt School of Medicine; and

**Gwen Watkins**, vice president, Steering Committee, Staff Association Council; community activities coordinator, Office of Community and Governmental Relations.

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# Swanson School, Eaton Corp. Form Partnership To Train Students in Electric Power Engineering

The University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering and Eaton Corporation, a diversified industrial manufacturer, will collaborate to train students in the burgeoning electric power engineering field and usher in the next generation of power-delivery technology.

Supported by a \$500,000 sponsorship from Eaton, the collaboration will focus on developing courses across a broad range of electric power engineering and system topics, including the growing field of smart power grids and a digitized, efficient electricity-delivery system. The collaboration will also cultivate new and continuing research related to power systems, power quality, energy efficiency, and alternative energy systems.

The new initiative builds upon previous successful collaborations between Eaton, based in Cleveland, Ohio, and Pitt's Swanson

School. Those projects took place in Eaton's Power Quality Lab in Pittsburgh, where Pitt students used Eaton's state-of-the-art facilities for their capstone senior design projects and worked on the development of power quality equipment, methodologies, and demonstrations.

"We are pleased to have Eaton's continuing support as we prepare our students to meet the challenges they'll face in the dynamic field of power engineering and to contribute collaboratively to advanced



research in the areas of power and energy technologies," said Gregory Reed, a renowned electric power engineer who is director of the Swanson School's Power and Energy Initiative and a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. "Eaton's support of our power engineering program will expose our students to a uniquely wide range of classroom, laboratory, and field situations."

About 75 undergraduate and graduate students in the Swanson School are expected to take electric power engineer-

ing courses annually. The courses not only will help the Swanson School to continue to attract high-caliber students, they also will help educate part of the next generation of power and energy engineering professionals.

Jerry Whitaker, president, Americas Region, Eaton's Electrical Sector, said, "It is critical that we meet the rising demand for electric power engineers," particularly in light of the nation's rising energy needs and the increasing number of experienced power engineering professionals who are

retiring. "Our collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh will help address this national need and bolster the Pittsburgh region's position as a leading center of power engineering," he added.

Eaton's electrical business is a global leader in power distribution, power quality, control, and industrial automation products and services. Eaton's 2008 sales totaled \$15.4 billion. The company has approximately 75,000 employees and sells products to customers in more than 150 countries.



Gregory Reed

## Newsmakers

### A VISITOR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE



JOE KAPLEWSKI/CODE

Jocelyn Frye delivered the keynote address during a Feb. 20 conference, The Gender Wage Gap: Strategies for the Future, sponsored by Pitt's School of Law. Frye is the newly appointed director of policy and projects for First Lady Michelle Obama and deputy assistant to President Obama for domestic policy. The daylong seminar was held in the Barco Law Building.

### A FOCUS ON BUSINESS ETHICS



MARY JANE BENT/CODE

▲ The annual Pittsburgh Business Ethics Award ceremony, which honors local companies that demonstrate a commitment to ethical business practices, was held Feb. 13. Winners were Handee Marts, Marc USA, and FedEx. Attending the awards ceremony at the Omni William Penn, Downtown, were (from left) John T. Delaney, dean of Pitt's College of Business and Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business; Audrey Murrell, a Pitt professor of business administration and director of the Katz's David Berg Center for Ethics and Leadership; and keynote speaker Paul H. O'Neill, former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and former Alcoa chair and CEO. The awards are cohosted by the David Berg Center and the Pittsburgh chapter of the Society of Financial Services Professionals.

► Adrienne Rozzi (far right), a Pitt junior majoring in studio arts and the history of art and architecture, creates a Valentine in the new Screenprint Studio in the Department of Studio Arts, while Lenore Thomas, Pitt assistant professor of studio arts, looks on. The department hosted the event "Love Your Studio (Arts)" on Feb. 13 to mark the opening of the studio and to showcase students' talents in a range of media.

### ARTS STUDIO OPENS WITH LOVE



JOE KAPLEWSKI/CODE

# Women's History

## Highlights of Women's History at the University of Pittsburgh



Margaret Stein

Stella Stein

**1895** Sisters **Margaret and Stella Stein** enroll as sophomores at the University of Pittsburgh, then known as the Western University of Pennsylvania. The Steins are the first women in the University's history to be admitted as full-time undergraduates.

The Stein sisters have an advantage over previous female applicants because Chancellor William Jacob Holland believes that two women can look after each other and keep each other company. The sisters take all the mathematics courses offered, plus astronomy, mathematical chemistry, and surveying.

**Agnes Irwin**, president of Radcliffe College, receives the University's first honorary degree presented to a woman, a Doctor of Laws.

**1898 Stella and Margaret Stein** graduate, tied for first place in their class at Pitt. The sisters decide Stella should be the valedictorian.

**Mary E. Hamilton** graduates from the Pitt-affiliated School of Pharmacy and, two years later, **Mary L. Glenn** graduates from the School of Dentistry.

**1901 Margaret and Stella Stein** enroll as Pitt graduate students and are among the first women to earn master's degrees from the University. Stella goes on to teach modern languages and mathematics at South High School, and Margaret is principal at Avalon High School until she marries.

**1908 Pi Theta Nu**, the first sorority, forms in 1908. Women's organizations are rare until after 1910.



Pi Theta Nu

**1909** Shortly after the University moves to Oakland, **Pitt opens the School of Education**. Women flock to the new program, with the number of women students at Pitt jumping from about 40 to more than 300 in the first year. Teacher training continues to be an academic haven for female students for more than 60 years.



First graduating class from the School of Education, 1911

**1910 Jean Hamilton Walls** receives the bachelor's degree at Pitt, the first Black woman to do so at the University. In 1938, she becomes the first Black woman to receive the Ph.D. degree here.



Jean Hamilton Walls



Pitt's 1924 women's basketball team

**1914-15 Women's basketball** organizes, the first competitive sport for women at Pitt.

**1918** Pitt hires its first woman faculty member, **Blossom Henry**.



Blossom Henry

**1924 Girls' Varsity Basketball team** sweeps its home game opponents and loses only one game on the road.



Adena Johnson Davis

**1919 Virginia Proctor Powell Florence** is the first African American woman in the United States to complete a professional education program in librarianship. She graduates in 1923 from the Carnegie Library School, which later becomes part of Pitt's School of Information Sciences. (In 2004, a plaque honoring Florence is installed in the Information Sciences Building lobby.)



Virginia Proctor Powell Florence

**1942 Eighty-two percent of the students in the professional nursing program** enlist in a unit of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps organized by the University.

Because of a wartime shortage of nurses, the federal government mandates that nursing schools receiving federal money accept Black students. **Adena Johnson Davis** becomes the first African American admitted to the School of Nursing. She graduates in 1947.

The **Women's Athletic Association** forms to manage intramural sports.

Pitt's first Dean of Women, **Thyrsa Wealththeow Amos**, arrives from the psychology department at the University of Kansas.



**1920 Lantern Night**, a candlelight ceremony for freshman women, begins.

**1946 Margaret E. "Peg" Covert**, a pioneer for women's athletics at Pitt, joins the Pitt faculty as an assistant professor, rising to full professor by 1953. Covert leads Pitt's first female cheerleading squad (despite resistance), pushes for equal sports facilities for men and women before federal requirements are enacted, and, in 1972, becomes head of women's athletics. She also introduces modern dance into the University curriculum in 1947 and brings fencing to Pitt in 1959. Covert dies in 2006 at age 95.

# History Month

## More recently...



Anne X. Alpern (left) with Governor Lawrence

**1959** Pitt alumna **Anne X. Alpern** (LAW '27) is appointed first female attorney general of Pennsylvania by Governor David Lawrence. Appointed in 1942 as Pittsburgh's first female city solicitor, Alpern champions clean air and affordable transit and utilities and fights government corruption. Alpern retires in 1974 after 13 years as a judge on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. She dies in 1981.

**1969** Chancellor Wesley Posvar creates the **Advisory Committee on Women's Opportunities** to address the agenda of the newly formed University Committee for Women's Rights.

**1972** The **Pitt Women's Studies Program** is founded.

**1983** The **Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns** is created.

### 2000

**Katherine Detre**, Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology in Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health, begins leading a national study—involving 2,368 patients at 40 sites across the United States—to determine the best way to treat people with both Type 2 diabetes and early coronary artery disease. The study attracts funding for the largest combined grant in Pitt history, \$65 million.

### 2004

**Wangari Muta Maathai**, who earned the Master of Science degree in biology at Pitt in 1965, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her 30-year effort to reforest her native Kenya and improve the economic status of women there, while fighting for democracy and against corruption and tribalism. Pitt confers on Maathai an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during an Oct. 26, 2006, ceremony in Alumni Hall.

**2005** The director of Pitt's European Union Center, **Alberta Sbragia**, is named Jean Monnet Chair ad personam by the European Commission, which also designates Pitt's center a European Union Center of Excellence. Sbragia, a Pitt professor of political science and director of the University's Center for West European Studies, is one of only two academics to be named Jean Monnet Chair ad personam in 2005. In 2006, Sbragia is named the inaugural holder of the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Chair.

**Tonya Groover** (A&S '07) creates the Technology Leadership Institute (TLI) and Pitt launches the six-week academic enrichment program, aimed at helping high school students from underrepresented populations build the skills needed to gain admission into competitive college programs in computer science and information science. Grover is currently director of TLI and is also pursuing her master's degree in computer science at Pitt.

**2006** Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg tells the University's Board of Trustees that Pitt will honor **Helen S. Faison**—Pitt alumna, emerita trustee, and trailblazing educator—by creating the Dr. Helen S. Faison Chair in Urban Education, the first fully endowed chair in the 96-year history of Pitt's School of Education, where Faison earned her B.S., M.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees in 1946, 1955, and 1975, respectively.

**Susan G. Amara** delivers a Provost's Inaugural Lecture Nov. 21 to mark her formal installation as the Dr. Thomas Detre Endowed Professor in Pitt's School of Medicine. Amara, who also chairs the school's Department of Neurobiology, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2004.

**2007** **Anna Quider**, a Pitt Honors College student majoring in physics and astronomy, the history and philosophy of science, and religious studies, is named a Marshall Scholar. Quider is the ninth Pitt student to win a Marshall Scholarship, one of the most competitive and prestigious merit scholarships available to graduating American seniors. No other Pennsylvania college or university has won more Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships than Pitt in the last quarter century. (Laura LaFave (A&S '93) was the first Pitt woman to receive a Marshall Scholarship, winning it in 1993.)

**Anna C. Balazs**, the Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and Robert Von der Luft Professor in the Swanson School of Engineering, wins a Women in the Material World award from the Women and Girls

Foundation (WGF) of Southwest Pennsylvania for her work in determining how building and manufacturing materials interact at the molecular level—and setting yet another example of the careers young women and girls can pursue through math and science.

**Kay M. Brummond**, professor in the Department of Chemistry in the School of Arts and Sciences, receives a Carnegie Science Center Award for Excellence as an Emerging Female Scientist for her work in synthesizing organic compounds for use in drugs, among other accomplishments.

**Delanie Jenkins**, chair of the University's Department of Studio Arts, is named Artist of the Year by the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

**Sabina Deitrick**, codirector of the University Center for Social and Urban Research's (UCSUR) Urban and Regional Analysis Program; Chris Briem, an UCSUR regional economist; and Pitt political science professor Susan Hansen release a report revealing that the wage gap between men and women in the Pittsburgh region exceeds the national average, despite the fact that women make up nearly half of the area's workforce and that many local men earn more than the national average for men in the same position.

**2008** **Deborah Brake**, a professor of law in Pitt's School of Law, testifies before Congress in support of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which would reverse the U.S. Supreme Court's 2007 ruling in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.* that required complainants to challenge any pay discrimination under the statute within 180 days of the time the discriminatory decision was made, even if the discrimination was ongoing and not discovered until years later. Brake had previously coauthored an amicus curiae U.S. Supreme Court brief on behalf of plaintiff Lilly Ledbetter. The Fair Pay Act is signed into law Jan. 29, 2009, the first bill signed by President Barack Obama.

For an exhibition on influential women in Pittsburgh, the Senator John Heinz History Center features portraits of

**E. Maxine Bruhns**, director of Pitt's Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs, and **Arcangela Balest**, a graduate of Pitt's School of Medicine, chair of Pitt's Italian Nationality Room, and a neonatologist at Allegheny General Hospital. The exhibition was part of yearlong festivities to celebrate the Pittsburgh's 250-year history.

The **Pitt women's basketball team** plays its way to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. The Panthers exit the tournament in the regional round after a loss to Stanford University.

Honors College junior **Eleanor Ott**—a triple major in chemistry, history, and French—is named a Harry S. Truman Scholarship winner for her superior academic and leadership abilities. A Chancellor's Scholar and a Lawrence, Kan., native, Ott is Pitt's 11th Truman winner.

**2009** **Dawn Lundy Martin**, assistant professor of English in the Department of English, is awarded the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Poetry Prize. Martin is among five poets to receive the award, which recognizes emerging poets of exceptional promise and distinguished achievement.

Honors College senior **Katherine M. MacCord**, majoring in anthropology with a minor in German, is named a Gates Cambridge Scholar. MacCord, who also is pursuing a certificate in Conceptual Foundations of Medicine through Pitt's Department of History and Philosophy of Science, is the first Pitt student to receive the Gates Cambridge Scholarship since it was established in 2000 through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. MacCord is one of only 37 U.S. students selected to receive the award.

Alumnus **Lucile L. Adams-Campbell** (GSPH '83G) is elected to the Institute of Medicine, an honor membership organization of the National Academy of Sciences that serves as a national advisory body on matters of health and science policy. She is associate director for minority health and health disparities research and professor of oncology at Georgetown University Medical Center's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Alberta Sbragia



Tonya Groover



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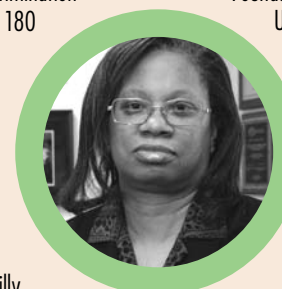
Eleanor Ott



Deborah Brake



Katherine M. MacCord



Lucile L. Adams-Campbell

# Awards & More



McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine Deputy Director **William Wagner** was recently elected to the North American Council of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society. Wagner is a professor of bioengineering and chemical engineering in the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of



William Wagner

Engineering as well as the director of Thrombosis Research for the Artificial Heart and Lung Program.

**Donald S. Burke**, dean of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and UPMC-Jonas Salk Chair of Global Health, was featured in a series of videos produced



Donald S. Burke

by the U.S. Military Health System to document the work of military medical pioneers. In the videos, Burke discusses how his experience studying infectious diseases in the Army helped shape his philosophy that infectious disease outbreak research should move away from surveillance and response and toward prediction and prevention.

**Linda Frank**, principal investigator and project director of the Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center, has received the Frank Lamendola Achievement Award for Nursing Leadership in HIV Care from the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. As a nursing professional who combines clinical practice with leadership in policy, education, professional services, and scholarly activities,



Linda Frank

Frank was recognized for bringing vision, administrative abilities, and commitment to the nursing profession. Frank also is assistant professor in the Graduate School of Public Health's Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology.

**Jessica Griffin Burke**, an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Public Health's Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, received a grant of \$203,000 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for her study on patterns of substance use among HIV positive and negative men.

## Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering Honors Notable Alumni

By Anthony M. Moore

In recognition of individual alumni accomplishments in their respective fields, the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering and its departments will honor seven alumni at the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Banquet March 3 in the J.W. Connolly Ballroom of Alumni Hall. The awards include the schoolwide Distinguished Alumni Award, the Young Alumni Award, and alumni awards for each of the Swanson School's departments.

Steven R. Tritch was given the Distinguished Alumnus award; Ray Andrick, the Young Alumnus award; and distinguished alumni awards for the individual departments were given to James McCaffrey, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Ronald G. Stovash, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Timothy Shack, Department of Industrial Engineering; Luke Gill, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science; and Richard Baxendell, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering.

Brief biographical information on the awardees follows. For full biographies, visit the Swanson School's Web site at [www.engr.pitt.edu/alumni/spring09/bios.html](http://www.engr.pitt.edu/alumni/spring09/bios.html).



Steven R. Tritch

**Steven R. Tritch** served as chair of Westinghouse Electric Company before recently retiring. In more than 35 years with Westinghouse, Tritch worked as the president and CEO and senior vice president of Nuclear Services and held numerous other managerial positions. He was named

the 2004 Engineer of the Year by the Pittsburgh section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering International. He is a member of the American Nuclear Society and was appointed by President Bush to the President's Export Council. Tritch earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and his MBA degree at Pitt in 1971 and 1977, respectively. He is chair of the Swanson School of Engineering's Board of Visitors and serves on Pitt's Board of Trustees.

**Ray Andrick** is the director of software development for Inmedius Software. He joined Inmedius in 2007 with more than 10 years of technical and managerial experience in software development projects. Andrick cofounded and served as president of Perceptive Solutions, Inc., a technology company specializing in the development of enterprise software solutions for the collection and processing of commercial and military aircraft records. Andrick earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering at Pitt in 1990.

**James McCaffrey** is the senior vice president of CONSOL Energy Inc., a multifaceted energy company specializing in coal and natural gas as well as transportation and other energy services. In his 33-year career, McCaffrey has contributed to several underground mining innovations, including roof support technologies, longwall move methodology, and new equipment development. McCaffrey earned a BS degree in mining engineering and an MBA degree at Pitt in 1978

and 1987, respectively.

**Ronald Stovash** served the energy industry as a member of the World Coal Institute, International Energy Agency, National Mining Association, U.S. Marine Transportation Council, West Virginia Public Energy Authority, National Coal Transportation

Association, U.S. Inland Waterway Board, and other state associations. Before retiring in 2007, Stovash served as the president and CEO of PinnOak Resources, a coal mining company, as well as holding various positions within CONSOL Energy Inc., where he served as both a laborer and an executive for more than 35 years. Stovash earned a BS degree in electrical engineering at Pitt in 1970.

**Timothy Shack** is the chair of PNC Global Investment Servicing, where he is responsible for strategic business initiatives and technology advances. In addition, he oversees PNC's technology and operations efforts. Shack earned a BS degree in industrial engineering and an MBA degree at Pitt in 1972 and 1979, respectively.

**Luke Gill** is founder and president of G Squared Limited, an aerospace and defense consulting company focused on strategic planning, business development, logistics, and supply-chain management. He joined Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company after having served in executive positions with Continental and Northwest Airlines as well as vice president of maintenance and engineering at Southwest Airlines. Gill earned a BS degree in mechanical engineering at Pitt in 1965.

**Richard Baxendell** has been with Bayer Material Science (BMS) in various capacities for more than 24 years. During a variety of assignments in production capacities with BMS, he helped lead the successful startup of \$100 million worth of capital projects. As president and CEO of Deerfield Urethane, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of BMS, Baxendell helped the company set records for sales and profitability. Baxendell earned a BS degree in chemical and petroleum engineering at Pitt in 1980.



Helen Faison

## Pitt Emeritus Trustee Helen Faison Honored at Governor's Residence

Pitt emeritus trustee Helen Faison is one of six African American Pennsylvanians who were honored in Harrisburg Feb. 25 for performing work that has inspired others. The honorees attended a luncheon hosted by Gov. Edward G. Rendell and First Lady Marjorie O. Rendell, a federal appeals judge at the Governor's Residence.

"These are all individuals whose life's work inspires people to serve a cause greater than their own self-interest," Rendell said in a statement.

Faison was a trailblazing educator and a recipient of three academic degrees from Pitt (EDUC '46, '55G, '75G). Hired in 1950 to teach at the Hill District's Fifth Avenue High School, Faison became the Pittsburgh Public Schools' first African American high school guidance counselor, first African American and first female high school principal, and, as interim superintendent, the first African American to lead the school district. She serves on the Pitt Board of Trustees and is director of the Pittsburgh Teachers Institute, based at Carlow University.

In 2006, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg announced the creation of the Helen S. Fasion Chair in Urban Education, the first fully endowed chair in the School of Education's history.

# Happenings



**Matsubara: A Celebration in Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Art, March 7 through June 7**

## Concerts

**Dutoit & French Fireworks**, featuring pieces by Stravinsky, Prokofiev, and Debussy; Charles Dutoit, conductor; Yuja Wang, piano, **March 5-7**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, BNY Mellon Grand Classics, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

**Tommy Sands & His Irish Band**, 7:30 p.m. **March 7**, Carnegie Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Pittsburgh Folk Music Society, 412-316-1915, www.calliopehouse.org.

**Raphaella Smits**, classical guitarist, 8 p.m. **March 7**, Synod Hall, Fifth Avenue and North Craig Street, Oakland, Guitar Society of Fine Art, 412-396-5486, www.gsfpittsburgh.org.

**The Bugallo-Williams Piano Duo**, new piano composition by Amy Williams, 3 p.m. **March 8**, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Bridges: *fine-tuned* Series, Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, 412-394-3353, www.pittsburghchambermusic.org.

**Local Honey**, a mix of country music with alternative influences, 2 p.m. **March 8**, First Floor Quiet Reading Room, Carnegie Library, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Sunday Afternoon Music Series, 412-622-3114, www.clpgh.org.

## Exhibitions

**Carnegie Museum of Art, Matsubara: A Celebration in Pittsburgh**, woodblock prints by Matsubara Naoko, **March 7 through June 7**; **Laboratory of Architecture**, featuring works by Mexican architect Fernando Romero, **through May 31**; 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, www.cmoa.org.

**Miller Gallery, Signs of Change: Social Movement Cultures 1960s to Now**, guest curated by Dara Greenwald and Josh MacPhee, **through March 8**, Carnegie Mellon University, Purnell Center for the Arts, 5000 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill, 412-268-3618, www.cmu.edu/millergallery.

**Mattress Factory, Predrive: After Technology**, **through March 22**, 500 Sampsonia Way, North Side, 412-231-3169, www.mattress.org.

**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.

**Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, 99, through March 15**; **Casey Reas/Marius Watz: New Generative Form**, curated by Golan Levin; **Zoo. Logic+** by Pat Bellan-Gillen; **Transformations**, featuring local and national bead artists; all **through April 15**, 6300 Fifth Ave., Shady-side, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, 412-361-0873, www.pittsburgharts.org.

## Film

**Benny's Video** (1992), directed by Michael Haneke, 6:30 p.m. **March 6**, 1501 Posvar Hall, presented by Margaret Barton-Fumo, Pitt doctoral candidate in Film Studies, free pizza, Extreme Cinema: The Many Faces of Shock Cinematheque Series, Pitt Film Studies Program, 412-624-6565, www.filmstudies.pitt.edu.

**El Lugar Sin Limite** (1978), directed by Arturo Ripstein, 7:30 p.m. **March 4**, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Pitt's Center for Latin American Studies, Amigos del Cine Latino Americano Spring 2009 Series, www.amigosdelcinelatinoamericano.blogspot.com.

## Lectures/Seminars/Readings

**Billy Collins**, poetry reading by former U.S. Poet Laureate, 7:30 p.m. **March 2**, Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Drue Heinz Lecture Series, 412-622-8866, www.pittsburghlectures.org.

**"Women in Italy During the Last Two Centuries,"** Stephania Licini, University of Bergamo visiting professor of economic history, noon **March 3**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt Women's Studies Program, 412-624-6485, www.wstudies.pitt.edu.

**"State Rituals and Ming-Chon Relations,"** Evelyn Rawski, Pitt professor of history, 2:30 p.m. **March 3**, 4217 Posvar Hall, Tuesdays With Korea Lectures Series, Pitt Asian Studies Center, 412-648-7426, www.ucis.pitt.edu/main.

**"Bach's Struggle ... and Mine: Reflection on the B Minor Mass,"** Joshua Rifkin, conductor, keyboard soloist, Boston University professor of music, 4 p.m. **March 3**, 132 Music Building, Pitt's Department of Music, 412-624-4125, www.music.pitt.edu.

**"K24: Midcareer Investigator Awards in Patient-oriented Research,"** Clayton A. Wiley and Michael Fine, professors of pathology in Pitt's School of Medicine, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **March 4**, S120 Thomas E. Starzl Biomedical Science Tower, 2009 NIH Career Development Award Workshops, Pitt Office of Academic Career Development, 412-648-8486, 9572, to register visit www.oacd.health.pitt.edu.



**Bob Woodward, Heinz Hall, March 4**

**"Theater for Change: Community Projects From California to South Africa,"** Rebecca Schultz, performance artist and activist, noon **March 4**, 2201 Posvar Hall, Women's Studies Program, 412-624-6485, www.wstudies.pitt.edu.

**"The Challenges, Benefits, and Health Effects of Family Caregiving,"** Richard Schulz, Pitt professor of psychiatry and University Center for Social and Urban Research director, 12:15-1:15 p.m. **March 4**, Carnegie Library, 612 Smithfield St., Downtown, WPIC 2008-09 Mental Health and Wellness Lecture Series, to register, call 412-383-2732, www.clinicalresearch.pitt.edu.

**Bob Woodward**, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and author, 8 p.m. **March 4**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, Robert Morris University's 2009 Pittsburgh Speakers Series, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghspeakersseries.org.

**"Guide to New Japanese Digital Resources: Asahi Shinbun Database and Institutional Depositories,"** Hiroyuki Nagahashi Good, Pitt East Asian librarian, noon **March 5**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Asia Over Lunch Series, 412-648-7370, www.ucis.pitt.edu/main.

**"Inclusive Democracy: Beyond the Tyranny of the Majority,"** Peter Emerson, Ireland political leader and Green Party activist, noon-2 p.m. **March 5**, 2017 Social Work Conference Center, Cathedral of Learning, Pitt's European Union Center of Excellence and School of Social Work, 412-648-7405, www.ucis.pitt.edu/main

**"Federal Emergency Management,"** Jonathan Sarubbi, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region III administrator, 3 p.m. **March 5**, Room 528 Alumni Hall, Spring 2009 Seminar Series, Pitt Center for National Preparedness, www.cnp.pitt.edu.

**Doing Without Concepts Workshop**, symposium on book by Edouard Machery, 4-6:30 p.m. **March 5**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for Philosophy of Science, 412-624-1052, www.pitt.edu/%7epittcntr.

**Special Governance Briefing on Health Policy**, speakers, panel on governance challenges of health policy, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. **March 6**, Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman St., free, continental breakfast and luncheon included, Pitt's Health Policy Institute, to register call 412-624-9141 or e-mail hpi@pitt.edu.

## Miscellaneous

**Pitt Five-Campus College Fair** for college-bound high school 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, 412-624-4096, lepl@pitt.edu.

## Opera/Theater/Dance

**The World Goes 'Round**, musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, **March 5-April 5**, O'Reilly Theatre, 621 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, 412-316-1600, www.ppt.org.

**Prima La Musica**, comic chamber opera by Antonio Salieri, 6:30 p.m. **March 6-7**, Opera Theater of Pittsburgh's Salon Series, 412-621-1499, www.operatheater-pittsburgh.org.

**Mariza**, celebrated artist of Fado, the national music genre of Portugal, 8 p.m. **March 7**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

**The Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre**, 3 p.m. **March 8**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

**Male Intellect: The 2nd Coming!** by Robert Dubac, one-man comedy about the differences between men and women, **through March 15**, City Theatre, 1300 Bingham St., South Side, 412-431-CITY, www.citytheatrecompany.org.

**My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra**, **through May 10**, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, CLO Cabaret Theater, 412-281-3973, www.pittsburghclo.org.

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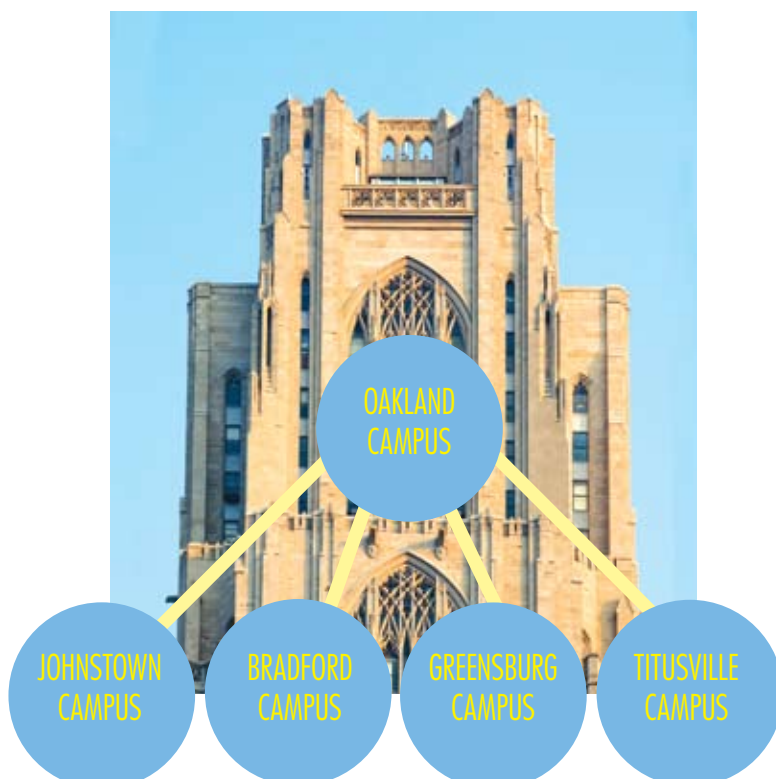
**Jonathan Llyle Lustgarten**, Pitt School of Medicine's Biomedical Informatics Graduate Program, "A Bayesian Rule Generation Framework for Biomedical Data Analysis," 2:30 p.m. **March 5**, M183 Parkvale Building, 200 Meyran Ave, Oakland.

**Jessica Albano**, Graduate School of Public Health's Department of Epidemiology, "Vitamin D, Tissue Resistance, Bone Mineral Density, and Breast Cancer Risk," 9 a.m. **March 6**, A522 Crabtree Hall.

**Tommy Sands & His Irish Band, Carnegie Lecture Hall, March 7**



**Raphaella Smits, Classical Guitar, Synod Hall, March 7**



**Pitt Five-Campus College Fair, Alumni Hall, March 5**



# Happily Married Women Have Less Trouble Sleeping, Pitt Study Finds

By Megan Grote Quatrini

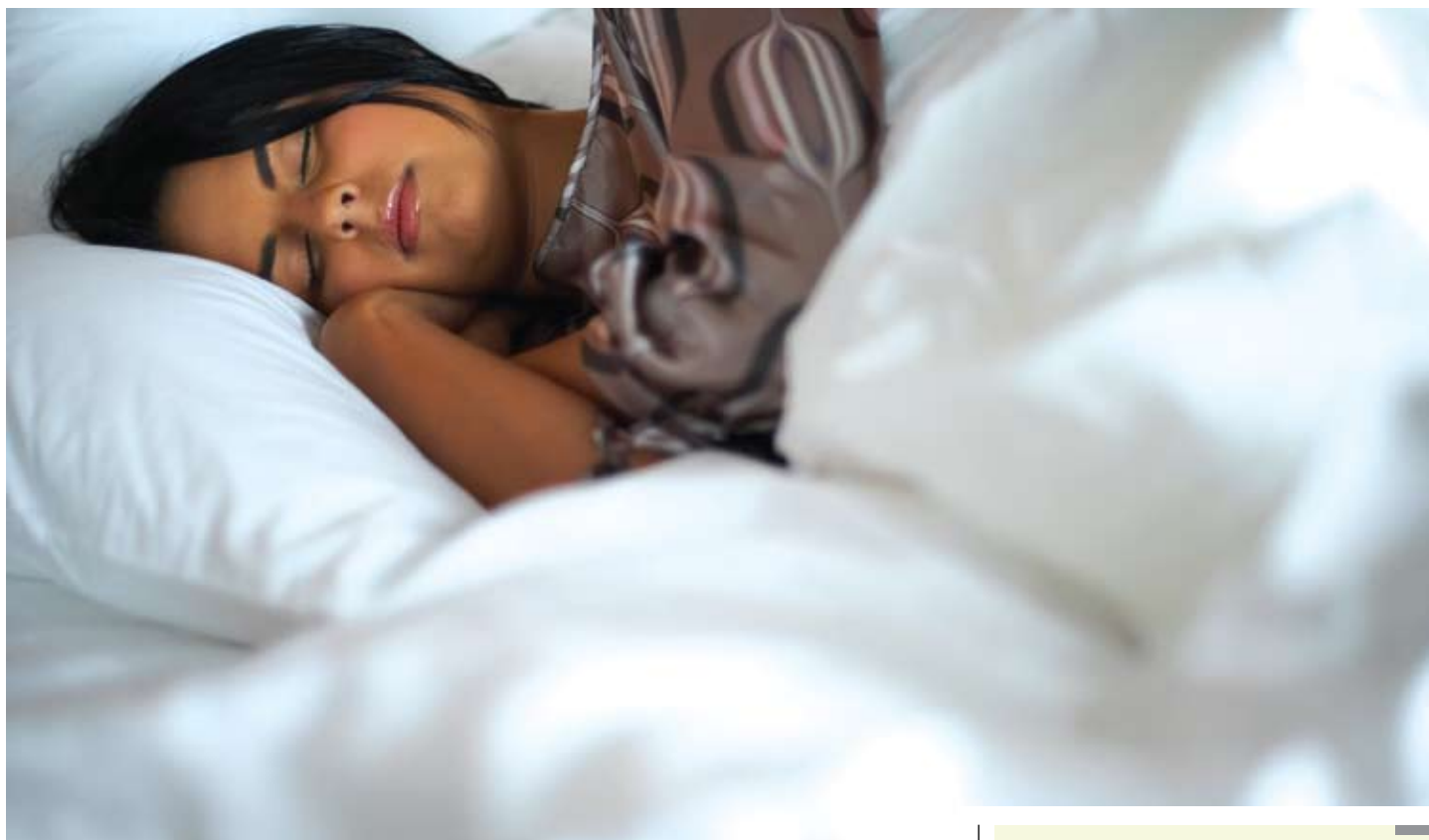
It is no secret that a good night's sleep can lead to a well-balanced and healthy lifestyle, but the age-old question of how to get a decent eight hours still remains. However, a University of Pittsburgh study finds that a happy marriage can lead to a better night's sleep for women. The findings are reported in the journal *Behavioral Sleep Medicine*.

The Pitt study finds that women who believe they have happy marriages reported less difficulty falling asleep, less likelihood of waking up during the night or too early in the morning, and less restless sleep compared to women who report less happiness in their marriages.

"Women consistently report more sleep problems than men, but most research has focused on how husbands' sleep problems, such as sleep apnea or snoring, affect their wives' sleep quality," said Wendy Troxel, lead author and assistant professor of psychiatry in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. "These findings, however, provide an understanding of how having a happy and fulfilling marriage can affect women and their sleep habits."

The study examined the association between marital happiness and sleep disturbances in multiple ethnic groups of married or partnered women. Researchers found that Caucasian and African American women had more sleep complaints than Japanese, Hispanic, and Chinese women. Caucasian and Japanese women reported the highest marital happiness.

In assessing the effects of marital happiness on sleep, the researchers considered many other factors that might contribute to sleeplessness, such as a woman's social support network, depressive symptoms, economic hardship and employment status, alcohol and caffeine consumption, presence of children in the home, sexual activity, age, and hormonal status. The results showed



Wendy Troxel

that even after taking into account all of these factors, the level of marital happiness emerged as an independent risk factor for the existence of sleep disturbances.

"General social support was not associated with sleep disturbances, which suggests that there may be something specific about happiness in one's marriage that is associated with better sleep, rather than a general reflection of one's support network," added Troxel. "The

findings further suggest that feeling happy in one's marriage may present benefits for sleep that go beyond being a 'happy' or well-adjusted person."

Study participants were from the Study of Women's Health Across the Nation, a multisite study from seven sites across the country comprised of an ethnically diverse sample of middle-aged women, with grant support from the National Institutes of Health and its Office of Research on Women's Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute of Nursing Research.

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