Faculty Members Bender, Grabowski Win 2009 Bellet Award

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh School of Arts and Sciences has named Gretchen Bender, lecturer in the Department of History of Art and Architecture, and Joseph J. Grabowski, a professor in the Department of Chemistry, winners of the 2009 Tina and David Bellert 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 Bellert (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: Spec- tatorship and Social Order in the 1834 Pan- orama 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 Sil Carlyan 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.

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.

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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.


Based on his newest book, Growing 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 high-quality testing and professional evaluation. The lecture will be held in the public forum, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, visit www.learningpolicycenter.org or contact Julie Kaufman at jkaufman@pitt.edu.

—Meredith Johnson

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 in spring after more than 22 years on Pitt’s faculty.

Best known to the general public for his leading role in the regime revolt of the early 1970s through his Nonesuch solo recordings of Scott Joplin’s piano works, Rifkin will meet with graduate and undergraduate students and deliver a public lecture, “Back’s Struggle and Mine: Reflections on the B Minors Mass.” The free lecture will be held at 4 p.m. on March 3 in Room 122 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 Gaudino, Venetian Music Print 1538-1569: A Descriptive Bibliography and Historical Study (Gordain Press, 1988), received the Music Library Association’s 2007 Vincent H. Duxelles Award, given annually for the best book-length bibliography or other research music tool.

—Pd 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 Sisco, Italy, as well as the honorary president of the International Association of Penal Law in Paris, France.

Bassiouni held several positions with the United Nations, including chair of the Security Council’s Commis- sion of Inquiry into War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia (1992-94). He is also 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.

—Meredith Johnson

FEMA Official to Discuss Federal Emergency Management

To provide insight into the nation’s preparation for unforeseen natural disasters or manmade terror, the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for National Preparedness (CNP) will host a lecture by Jonathan Saabali, 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 2009-10 Seminar Series, is titled “Federal Emergency Management.” As a regional administrator, Saabali 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, West Virginia and 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 or call 412-624-0691.

—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 6 in 113 Barco Law Building.

During his address, Robbins will share his personal experiences in shaping war and crisis stories into documentaries. He will also 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 direc- tor, writer, producer, and videogra- pher of national and international documentaries on a wide range of subjects. He has worked in many countries, including Afghanistan, Burma, Columbia, 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 Dracos at 412-624-2918 or dracos@pitt.edu.

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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. Amaro, Thomas Detre Professor and chair, Department of Neurobiology, Pitt School of Medicine; codirector, Center for Neuroscience; Agnus Berenette, head coach, Pitt Women’s Basketball; Een Tammy Blum, (A&S ’70, LAW ’73), trustee and cochair, Building Our Future Together capital campaign; Yoon Chang, professor of pathology, Pitt School of Medicine; Helen Faison (EDUC ’46, ’55G, ’75G), emeritus member of the Pitt Board of Trustees; Angela M. Groonenborn, 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 ’08; Alberto Siragio, 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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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 continued 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 engineering 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.
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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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

1919 Agnes Irwin, president of Radcliffe College, receives the University’s first honorary degree presented to a woman, a Doctor of Laws.

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government corruption. Alpern retires in 1974 after 13 years as a judge on the Allegheny County Court of Common

1969 Chancellor Wesley Posvar creates the Advi-sory Committee on Women’s Oppor-tunities 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 Com-mittee 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—monitoring 2,365 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, $45 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 reaffirm 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, Alberto Shragie, is named

Jean Monnet Chair of political science of the European

Commission, which also designates Pitt’s

center a European Union Center of Excellence. Shragie, 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 of political science in 2005. In 2006, Shragie is named the inaugural holder of the Chancellor’s

Mark A. Nordenberg University Chair.

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

2006 Chancellor Mark A.

Norheim thanks the University’s Board of trustees that Pitt will honor Helen

S. Faison—Pitt alumna, emeritus trustee, and multifaceted 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 Profes-sor in Pitt’s School of Medicine. Amara, who also chairs the school’s Department of Neurobi-ology, 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 presti-gious 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. (Louise LaFave (A&S ’71) was the first Pitt woman to receive a Marshall Scholarship, winning in 1973.)

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 career young women and girls can pursue through math and science.

Kay M. Brum-

mond, 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.

E. Maxine Brohns, director of Pitt’s Nationality Rooms and International Exchange Programs, and Arcangela Balest, a graduate of Pitt’s School of Medicine, chair of Pitt’s Italian Nationality Room, and a neuroradiologist at Allegheny

General Hospital. The exhibi-tion was part of yearlong festivities to celebrate the Pittsburgh’s 250-year history.

The Pitt women’s basketball team

makes its way to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. The Panthers

win the tournament in the regional

round after a loss to Stanford University.

Honors College junior Eleanor

Ott—a triple major in chem-istry, 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 Kath-erine 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 Scholar-ship since it was established in 2000 through the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation. MacCord is one of only 27 U.S. students selected to receive the award.

Alumna Leslie L. Adams-Campbell (GSPH ’83) 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 a associate director of minority health and health disparities research and professor of oncology at Georgetown University Medical Center’s Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.
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. Concoly Ballroom of Alumni Hall. The awards include the schoolwide Distinguished Alumni Award, the Young Alumni Award, and alumna 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 award winners follows. For full biographies, visit the Swanson School’s Web site at www.ensw.pitt.edu/alumni/spring09/bios.html.

**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 by the U.S. Military Health System to document the work of military medical pioneers. In the videos, Burke describes how his experience studying infectious diseases in the Army helped shape his philosophy that infectious disease outbreak research should move away from surveillance and respond 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 Lamentola 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 and her MBA degree at Pitt in 1990.

**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 Service 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 initiatives and technology advances. In addition, he oversees PNC’s technology 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.

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


**Film**

**Benny’s Video** (1992), directed by Michael Haenee, 6:30 p.m. March 6, 1500 Posvar Hall, presented by Margaret Bini-Campana, Pitt doctoral candidate in Film Studies, free pizza, Extreme Cinema. The Many Faces of Shock Therapy Screening, Pitt Film Studies Program, 412-624-1665, www.filmstudies.pitt.edu.


**Lectures/Seminars/Readings**


**Women in Italy During the Last Two Centuries**, Stefania Lazzarini, University of Bergamo visiting professor of economic history, noon March 3, 410 Povall Hall, Pitt Women’s Studies Program, 412-624-6485, www.womenstudies.pitt.edu.


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 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.