University of Pittsburgh Names 13 New Legacy Laureates

The University of Pittsburgh has named 13 new Legacy Laureates, alumni recognized for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. The laureates were honored during Pitt’s Oct. 25 Homecoming festivities for Law and Public Policy, effective Oct. 1.

Established in 2007, the mission of the Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy is to foster public education and civic action on important public policy issues, building on Thornburgh’s legacy by creating a framework for advancing his vision of creating effective and principled governance. The forum engages in a variety of activities across the University that are designed to enhance the accountability and integrity of governmental institutions at the local, state, and national levels. Internationally, it seeks to advance those values as well as the commitment to the rule of law for all levels of government.

“The Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy honors the legacy of achievement and impact of University of Pittsburgh trustee and alumnus Dick Thornburgh, who, through a lifetime of public service, has made extraordinary contributions to the public good,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg. “We are fortunate that Ed McCord, who already has contributed so much to the advancement of our Honors College, now also will provide strong leadership to a variety of programs and activities that will advance Dick Thornburgh’s vision of effective and principled governance and respect for the rule of law.”

Through annual lectures and a University-based archive spanning Thornburgh’s diverse career, the forum is intended to develop program relationships with schools and departments across the University. Over the past several years, recent programs and offerings were held in partnership with the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the School of Law, and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. As director of this broad University forum, McCord will continue to expand and integrate the forum’s offerings in collaboration with the exceptional academic programs at the University Honors College to the larger University academic community by developing programs that reflect the career and interests of Pitt alumni and trustee Thornburgh (LAW ’57), a former two-term Pennsylvania governor and attorney general of the United States under both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. Thornburgh also served as United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management and director of the Institute of Politics in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“Ed McCord’s appointment as director of this program is good news indeed,” said Thornburgh. “His background and experience open important new opportunities for the forum to foster student and faculty interests in law and public policy. In particular, his experience with the Honors College provides an ideal vehicle for increasing the impact of the forum’s programs across a wide range of activities within the University community—“I am delighted that Ed has agreed to serve as director of this important forum,” said Patricia E. Beeson, Pitt provost and senior vice chancellor, in announcing McCord’s appointment. “His demonstrated skills in administration and program development are ideally suited to the responsibility of charting and steering the future course of the forum.”

“I look forward to working with Governor Thornburgh in developing innovative uses of his archival materials across the University. The Governor’s career is associated with a broad spectrum of achievement and offers numerous opportunities for teaching and

Rosalynn Carter Brings Statue, Dedication To Fight for Mental Health System Reform

By Sharon S. Blake

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter began championing mental health rights and reform during the mid-1960s, when she and her husband, Jimmy, were working on his gubernatorial campaign. During one particular stop—at an Atlanta cotton mill—Mrs. Carter greeted an older weary woman, clothes and hair covered with lint, who was just leaving her overnight shift.

“Good morning, I hope you’re going home to get some sleep,” Mrs. Carter had said. The woman answered that she hoped so, too, but that she and her husband, who

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Edward McCord Named Director of Pitt’s Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy

Andrew J. Imparato, president and CEO of the American Association of People With Disabilities, will present a lecture as part of the 2010 Thornburgh Family Lecture Series in Disability Law and Policy at 1 p.m., Nov. 4, Room 8, University Club. An accomplished attorney with bipolar disorder, Imparato worked with a coalition of more than 200 disability, employer, civil rights, and faith-based groups to guide the political strategy that led to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADAA) Amendments Act in 2008. The Lecture Series is sponsored by the Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy.

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Pitt Humanities Center Plans Nov. 3 Talk on Jewish Origins of Christianity

The University of Pittsburgh’s Humanities Center and Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program will present a lecture by Anthony Grafton, the Henry Putnam University Professor of History at Princeton University. The lecture, titled “How Jesus Celebrated Passover: Renaissance Scholarship and the Jewish Origins of Christianity,” will take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium. A reception will follow the lecture from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Frick Fine Arts Cloister.

The free public lecture will focus on perceptions of Jesus as part of Jewish history.

Grafton is an expert in renaissances, reformations, and historiography, with a special interest in the cultural history of Renaissance Europe. He has written extensively on forgery and the use of footnotes, the history of books and book readingness, and Renaissance magic, among other subjects. Grafton’s recent publications include Cadex in Crisis (The Clamped Press, 2008) and Worlds Made by Words: Scholarship and Community in the Modern West (Harvard University Press, 2009). He is also a contributing writer for The New Republic and The New York Review of Books.

Grafton is the chair of the Council of the Humanities at Princeton University, where he has taught since 1975. The Nov. 3 lecture is cosponsored by Pitt’s University Honors College, European Union Center for Excellence and European Studies Center, and Jewish Studies Program, among others. For more information on the lecture or the discussion, visit www.medran.pitt.edu.

—Sierra L. Starks

Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series Host Poet Kimiko Hahn Nov. 4

The Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series will continue its 2010-11 season with a free public reading by poet Kimiko Hahn, at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium.


The recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York Foundation for the Arts, Hahn also has received the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award, the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Poetry Prize, and the Association of Asian American Studies Literature Award. In 2007, she received the Poetry Society of America Shelley Memorial Award; other Shelley Award recipients include poets Adrienne Rich and E.E. Cummings. Hahn earned a B.A in English and East Asian studies at the University of Iowa and an M.A in Japanese literature from Columbia University. She currently is Distinguished Professor in the English department at Queens College-CUNY. The Contemporary Writers Series is cosponsored by the Pitt Book Club and University of Pittsburgh Press. For more information, call 412-624-6508 or visit www.creativewriting.pitt.edu.

—Sierra L. Starks

Nov. 4 Talk Planned on Wood Carver Whose Work Is Featured in African Heritage Nationality Room

Rowland Abiodun, the John C. Newton Professor of Art History and Black Studies at Amherst College, will give a free public lecture at the University of Pitts -

Nov. 4 in the Frick Fine Arts Building.

The lecture, titled “The Itinerant Artist as Explorer in Yoruba Culture,” is a memorial for Lamidi Fakeye, a fifth-generation traditional Yoruba/Nigerian carver whose work is featured in the entry door, chalkboard doors, and podium of Pitt’s African Heritage Classroom, one of 27 Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning. The room was designed by Pitt history professor Lawrence Glasco and dedicated in 1989.

Prior to the lecture, the African Heritage Classroom committee will perform a “going home” libation ceremony in honor of Fakeye. Abiodun will discuss the intellectual transformation of the traditional Yoruba artist and their role as an agent of both change and continuity in African society.

Abiodun’s primary research interests are the history, style, and aesthetics of African art, particularly art of the Yoruba of West Africa. A contributor of many articles to scholarly journals and chapters in books on African art, Abiodun coauthored Yoruba: Nine Centuries of African Art and Thought (Abrams, 1989), Yoruba Art and Aesthetics (Center for African Art and the Rietberg Museum, 1991), and Cloth Only Wears to Shreds: Yoruba Textiles and Photographs from the Jill Beier Collection (Amherst College, 2004); he also edited The Yoruba Artist: New Theoretical Perspectives on African Art (Smithsonian, 1994).

Abiodun has lectured extensively in the United States, Africa, and Europe. This lecture is cosponsored by Pitt’s Departments of the History of Art and Architecture, History, and Religious Studies, as well as the African Heritage Classroom Committee.

—By Jessica Myers

Nov. 5 Deadline for Pitt Staff Association Council Endowed Book Fund Scholarship

Pitt faculty and staff members who have a child attending the University of Pittsburgh have until Friday, Nov. 5, to apply for the Staff Association Council Endowed Book Fund Scholarship. The program was established to provide financial assistance toward the purchase of books for a Pitt undergraduate student whose parent or guardian is a staff member at Pitt.

Awards of as much as $200 can be granted each year. To download an application or find out more about eligibility, visit www.sac.pitt.edu or call 412-624-4236.

Memorial Service Planned Nov. 5 for Ruth Eleanor Levine

A memorial service will be held for Ruth Eleanor Levine at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in the University of Pittsburgh’s Heinz Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Levine, an admired artist who had worked for The National Endowment for the Arts’ theater program and managed the traveling exhibition for the U.S. Holocaust Museum, died Oct. 18. She was 74 years old and had been married for 51 years to Arthur S. Levine, senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of Pitt’s School of Medicine.

A reception in the Carnegie Museum of Natural History Hall of Architecture will follow the memorial service.

Hillman’s Cup & Chaucer Café Reopens Nov. 5

The grand reopening of the Cup & Chaucer café on the ground floor of Hillman Library is set for Nov. 5 and will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m.

Rush Miller, Hillman University Librarian and director of the University Library System (ULS), will make remarks, as will Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia L. Beeson, University architect Park Rankin, and Straith Architect Al Cuteri. The 10-year-old café closed in mid-August to undergo a facelift.

The all-day reopening celebration at the café will feature giveaways from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including free water bottles and Starbucks tumblers (while supplies last) and drawings and raffles of gift certificates, coffee mugs, an iPod Touch, and a mountain bike. Free Small Bites from the menu will be available from 10:30 a.m. to noon, free hors d’oeuvres from noon to 2 p.m., and coffee discounts from 4 to 6 p.m. The revamped Cup & Chaucer will be more of a bistro setting with additional eating space and an expanded menu. Upgrades include new floor and wall finishes and new furniture. There will also be free wireless service, more electrical outlets, and a 46-inch screen to access the Internet.

A small raffle stage will accommodate performances, including those by musicians in Emerging Legend, a weekly concert series cosponsored by ULS and College: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society. The series kicks off Friday with a free noon performance of Ronni and Al, a jazz-influenced piano/guitar duo with vocals.

—By Sharon S. Blake

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Two Pitt MD Alumni Put AAAC’s $3 Million Diversity Campaign Beyond $2 Million Mark in Pledges, Gifts

Distinguished University of Pittsburgh MD alumni Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew (NURS ’76, MÉD ’94, GSPFA ’10) and Vaughn Clagette (A&S ’89, MÉD ’93; NURS ’76, MÉD ’94, GSPIA ’10) have put the $3 million African American Alumni Council Fundraising Efforts Support Student Leaders

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Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, who is coach of the AAAC campaign, believes in the power and potential of the support the AAAC provides to students: “I have not seen any student that has not been phenomenal. Considering that one year after the campaign's public phase began. The announcement was made Oct. 31 during the AAAC’s Sankofa Homecoming Weekend Fellowship Brunch in the Pittsburgh Grand Hotel, Downtown.

The AAAC’s $3 million fundraising drive—its first major gifts campaign—has been designed to provide financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students of diverse backgrounds throughout the University. [See sidebar below] The AAAC launched its $3 million diversity fundraising initiative during Pitt’s 2009 Homecoming.

The AAAC’s efforts have attracted support from more than 1,000 donors, whose contributions to the Universitywide diversity funds Universitywide have made possible the campaign’s swift and steady progress.

Larkins-Pettigrew and Clagette have made pledges to establish a new fund in honor of Larkins-Pettigrew’s husband, Chemists Pettigrew Jr., who earned the Master of Education degree from Pitt in 1976 and a PhD in education from Pepperdine University in 1984; he received his undergraduate degree, in political science, from Westminster College in 1969. The new fund will supply funding for the Office of Diversity Affairs in the School of Medicine to provide need-based scholarships and program support.

Pettigrew, who is an instructor in the School of Medicine, has served as assistant dean for student affairs and director of diversity programs in the Pitt medical school since 2006. In that role, he has been a dedicated advocate for underrepresented students in the School of Medicine, helping many of them find resources they need to pursue their medical education. The endowment created in his name will provide ongoing financial support to the outstanding dedication he has shown to the many students he serves.

“Forty years, Chemists has dedicated his career to changing the world, one life at a time,” said Larkins-Pettigrew. “When given the responsibility of recruiting students who traditionally had been underrepresented in the University community, Chemist understood how important the responsibility was. His life is intertwined with the lives of the students he has known. He has stood with them and encouraged in many who have realized their dreams. This gift is a testament to Chemists’ belief in possibilities and a guarantee that someone will always be there to stand watch.”

Larkins-Pettigrew is currently an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University, where she serves as program director for global health and reproductive science. Throughout her career, she has

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Glory Ojiere and Deitrick Franklin are among the recent Pitt students to receive scholarship support from the African American Alumni Council (AAAC). Both have exceeded the high expectations of their benefactors by not only maintaining high grade-point averages, but also by having made outstanding contributions to the University as student leaders.

The AAAC is a group that appreciates the importance of meeting and exceeding expectations. Last October, it announced the launch of its first major fundraising campaign and set a goal of $3 million to increase financial support for promising students like Ojiere and Franklin. In less than one year, the AAAC campaign has raised more than $2 million in gifts and pledges toward that goal.

The AAAC, which was founded in the late 1980s to recruit and retain African American students, faculty, administrators, and staff, selected Ojiere to receive the AAAC Endowed Scholarship. It is one of the alumni group’s three giving priorities for the campaign, the Bebe Moore Campbell Scholarship Fund and the Jack L. Daniel Endowed Book Award are the other two funds the AAAC has earmarked to provide students of diverse backgrounds with direct aid.

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worked during the day, were caring for their mentally ill daughter. The woman added that she never knew what to expect when she got home. Mrs. Carter said the image haunted her and ignited her desire to work diligently for mental health care reform.

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg retold this anecdote from Mrs. Carter’s book, *Within Our Reach: Ending the Mental Health Crisis* (Rodale Books, 2010), during his Oct. 27 introduction of her as the keynote speaker for the 2010 Marcé Society International Conference, held Oct. 27-30 at the Station Square Sheraton in Pittsburgh. The annual event, which focuses on women’s mental health issues related to childbirth, was cosponsored by several organizations, including Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC and UPMC Health Plan, Katherine L. Wong, Pitt professor of psychiatry, obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences.

Nordenberg said Mrs. Carter was a “shining exemplar of human values,” and he praised her dedication and effort in trying to break down the stigma associated with mental illness and the barriers that impede many people with such illnesses. “When people who hold prominent and responsible positions speak out, it has an impact on the thinking of others.” — Mark A. Nordenberg

Two Pitt MD Alumni Put AAAC’s $3 Million Diversity Campaign Beyond $2 Million Mark

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served in many medical positions, including program director for global health and reproductive science in Pitt’s School of Medicine; assistant director of student health at Tuskegee University; and critical care instructor at Brotman Medical Center. She volunteers with several not-for-profit organizations worldwide and has received numerous awards and honors. In 2009, during her years as a faculty member at Pitt, she was a nominee for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Larks-Pettigrew and Louis Kelly (EDUC ’77, ’78G) are cochairs of the AAAC Scholarship Campaign Steering Committee, which the campaign’s early success to a number of factors: “We have been very well supported by Pitt’s development office. We have a dedicated committee that meets regularly and is made up of people from many different professions and backgrounds. The challenge is to maintain momentum and continue to educate, so the people really know the good that the donations bring.”

To learn more about supporting the Pitt Endowed Fund and other diversity initiatives at Pitt, or to make a gift, visit www.giveto.pitt.edu or call 1-800-817-8943.

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serves as a section of the original grade of the late Robert Hazo more than 40 years ago. The forum will henceforth cosponsor these lectures with the Honors College. The lectures feature national figures brought to the city and campus for discussions of political, social, and economic issues of great moment. Thornburgh, as governor in 1985, served as an American Experience lecturer.

McCord received his bachelor’s degree cum laude from Princeton University and earned all three of his law degrees—an MA in cultural anthropology, a PhD in philosophy, and JD—from the University of Pittsburgh. He, along with the late Alec Stewart, founded the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Family History, and the Honors College, coordinated the donation to the University of the Allen L. Sok Sok Spring Creek Preserve near Laramie, Wyo., which has been named “hospital of choice” in the region by its patients and has been recognized by the Atlanta Business Chronicle for Best Place to Work. Clagette is also founder and chief operating officer of HGA Hostel Consultants in Atlanta. In addition, he is a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine.

From left, Katherine L. Wong, Rosalynn Carter, and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg talk together at the Station Square Sheraton prior to Mrs. Carter’s Oct. 27 keynote address to the 2010 Marcé Society International Conference, which was held at the hotel and ended Oct. 30. Wong, who is a Pitt professor of psychiatry, obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences, and epidemiology in Pitt’s School of Medicine, is the outgoing president of Marcé.

The AAAC campaign is part of the University’s Beyond Building Our Future Together capital campaign, which has raised more than $1.5 billion to date. The University’s capital campaign is the largest and most successful in the history of both Pitt and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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defendants as assistant public defender for Allegheny County, serving the interests of the people as assistant district attorney and U.S. attorney, and chairing the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission, which resulted in his appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania by President Bill Clinton. He also served as counsel to the U.S. Army Reserve and the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Cindrich’s many awards include selection as Jaycee Man of the Year in Law and Government and receipt of the Joseph F. Weis Jr. Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County.

Cindrich currently serves as chair of Pitt’s School of Law Board of Visitors and as an adjunct professor in the law school. He has provided generous financial support, including gifts to the the Honorable Ruggiero J. Aldisert Endowment.

John J. Driscoll

A 1969 graduate of Pitt’s School of Law, John J. Driscoll was appointed in 1994 by then-Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey Sr. to be a judge of the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas, a position to which he was elected in 1995. He also serves as an administrative judge of the Westmoreland County Juvenile Court.

Driscoll entered private practice in 1970 and has been admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From 1982 to 1994, he served as the Westmoreland County District Attorney. He also was elected president of the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association and served as past chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Criminal Procedural Rules Committee.

Driscoll has published numerous opinions in the areas of criminal and family law, including matters involving custody, juveniles and dependent children, divorce, and matrimony.

Driscoll served in the U.S. Navy and received the Bronze Star Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and a National Defense Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as part of the U.S. Naval Support Activity in Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

Among his many professional awards is the Fred Funari Mental Health Association Award of Distinction from Mental Health America of Westmoreland County in 2005, for his efforts to aid juvenile offenders. His contributions to the community include service as a trustee of the Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital; as past president and the 1981 Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Greensburg; as past president of the American Cancer Society of Westmoreland County; and as a member, director, and solicitor of the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce.

A generous contributor to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Driscoll currently serves on the Advisory Board.

Janice M. Holder

In 2008, Janice M. Holder became the first woman to serve as the chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and one of only 20 women to have served as a chief justice in the United States at that time. Appointed in 1996 to the Tennessee Supreme Court by Governor Donald Sundquist, she is currently serving her second elected eight-year term on the court as one of only three female supreme court justices in Tennessee’s history.

Holder earned a bachelor’s degree summa cum laude from Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences in 1971 and was a University Scholar. She began her career as a senior law clerk for Chief Justice Herbert P. Sorg of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. In Tennessee, she was elected to the Circuit Court of the 30th Judicial District at Memphis.

Holder is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors, including the Sam A. Myer Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Memphis Bar Association and the Charles O. Rond Outstanding Jurist Award. She was recognized by the National Association of Women Judges at its 2007 conference honoring women leaders of state courts and by the American Bar Association’s Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs in 1999 for her exceptional work in establishing the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, which assists attorneys with issues ranging from chronic depression to substance abuse.

Holder has been recognized as an advocate for improving the legal system through her leadership of Justice for All Tennessee, a plan to better serve those who use the Tennessee justice system. She is a member of and leader in numerous professional organizations, including the American Bar Association and the Conference of Chief Justices. She frequently appears as a speaker at legal and educational events, conferences, and seminars sponsored by such groups as the Southern Trial Lawyers Association and the Tennessee Bar Association.

An accomplished athlete and skilled equestrian, Holder has earned a third-degree black belt in karate.

Byong Hyon Kwon

Byong Hyon Kwon is the Republic of Korea’s former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the People’s Republic of China, a position held at a time when there was a marked war in relations between the two countries. Kwon earned a Master of Public and International Affairs degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1968. Kwon’s diplomatic career spans four decades, including service in a series of diplomatic postings in Australia, China, Japan, Myanmar, and the United States. His service has resulted in numerous awards and decorations. He continues to foster strong relations between the Republic of Korea and China by serving as the chair of the Korea-China Economic Development Association and working toward the elimination of land degradation and desertification in China through the planting of the Korea-China Friendship Great Green Wall. The reforestation project is aimed at “taming the Yellow Dragon”—the notorious dust storms from China’s deserts. As a result of these efforts, he was named the inaugural recipient of the Sustainable Land Management Champion award, given by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Kwon also is committed to higher education and has been honored by serving as an Invited Eminent Professor at Myongji University in the Republic of Korea and as Professor Emeritus at Luoyang Institute of Science and Technology in China. At Pitt, he is a member of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs’ (GSPiA) Board of Visitors and has made generous gifts to create the Korean Alumni Endowment. GSPiA has honored Kwon as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Judith H. LaRosa

Judith H. LaRosa is the first vice dean for the School of Public Health at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, where she also serves as a professor and interim chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences. She earned her BS in nursing and MS in nursing education from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing in 1963 and 1964, respectively.

As Deputy Director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), LaRosa coauthored the legislatively mandated guidelines on the Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research. She has held positions spanning education, research, and clinical practice and has affected the way health professionals approach disease prevention and intervention by increasing their understanding of cultural and gender differences in risk factors and disease. She was the principal investigator for numerous studies with grant funding totaling more than $32 million.

LaRosa previously served as professor and chair of Community Health Sciences at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and was a member of the Tulane Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health. LaRosa has received many honors for excellence in teaching and committed service, among them the NIH Merit, Performance, Special Achievement, and Director’s awards as well as the International Institute of Boston’s Golden Door Award. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, the American Heart Association, and the New York Academy of Medicine. She has been an invited speaker at national and international conferences, chapters, and abstracts for a number of professional nursing journals.

LaRosa serves on the Pitt School of Nursing’s Board of Visitors.

Jerri Lynn Lippert

Jerri Lynn Lippert currently serves as the chief academic officer for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She earned her bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees from Pitt’s School of Education in 1996, 1997, and 2003, respectively.

Lippert began her career as a physical education instructor and went on to serve as assistant principal of Pittsburgh’s Olver High School, lead Pittsburgh’s Highschool Traditions Academy Middle School. She was named executive director of curriculum, instruction, and professional development and of the National Board of Teacher Certification for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Among her many accomplishments as executive director was securing $9 million in funding to promote the professional development of principals throughout the district.

Lippert was a member of the design team that developed and shaped the Empowering Effective Teachers in the Pittsburgh Public Schools Plan, a landmark initiative that received $40 million in funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She also organized the city’s Innovative Inclusive System of Evaluation program to determine better ways to ensure that all students have access to high-quality education and develop methods that support, evaluate, and reward teachers.

The Pittsburgh City Council recently honored Lippert by declaring June 11, 2010, as “Jerri Lynn Lippert Day in recognition of her commitment to educating students and training professionals in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Lippert remains dedicated to physical fitness and has set 10 U.S. records in bench-press weight lifting.

John C. Mascaro

John C. Mascaro is the founder and chair of Mascaro Construction, one of the largest general contractors in the nation. He serves as chair of Mascaro Construction Management and architectural firms in the nation. He earned his BS and MS degrees in engineering from Pitt’s Swanson School of Engineering in 1966 and 1968, respectively.

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been honored by the University as a Distin-
guished Alumnus in the Swanson School and its Department of Civil and Environ-
mental Engineering. He also was named to the Swanson School of Engineering Hall of
Fame.

Mascaro has served in various positions with numerous professional and civic organi-
zations, including director and president of the Master Builders Association of Western
Pennsylvania and founding benefactor of the National Aviary. His volunteer work for the
University includes chairing the Construction Management Industry Advisory
Board and serving as a member of the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation
Advisory Board.

His gifts to establish the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation, the John
C. Mascaro Learning Center, and the Peter J. Mascaro Endowed Fund in the Construc-
tion Management Program have been criti-
cal to strengthening the Swanson School of
Engineering.

James P. McDonald

James P. McDonald serves as the man-
dager of BNY Mellon’s Global Philanthropy and Employees Program, director of the BNY Mellon Foundation, and president of the BNY Mellon Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania. He earned a master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work in 1982. McDonald’s 27-year career has been dedicated to the development and man-
age of innovative human resources policies, health-service programs, and char-
table-giving initiatives for BNY Mellon. In his current position, he utilizes charitable
donations, sponsorships, and employee involvement to benefit needy communities
worldwide. He also works to develop self-
sufficiency through such workforce initia-
tives as job training, education, mentoring, and skills development.

A member of the boards of directors of the United Way of Allegheny County and the
Greater Pittsburgh Community Foundation, McDonald encourages BNY Mellon employees to contribute their time, talent, and funding to their local communities.

McDonald’s generous community service extend to the University, where he financially supports the School of Social Work and serves as a member of the school’s Board of Visitors. He also serves on the University’s Board of Fellows of the Institute of Politics.

Thomas Reinsel

Thomas Reinsel is the chief executive officer and a founder of RippleRock, a technology company that provides software developers with expert consultation in the management of the life cycle of software

Rubash is an internationally recognized orthopaedic surgeon and medical scientist
who has been elected to many professional societies, among them the American
College of Rheumatology, both of which have named him a Fellow. He also has received numerous awards and honors from such prestigious organizations as the AAOS and the American Fracture Association.

Rubash has shared his expertise at many conferences and seminars worldwide and has published extensively; he also has served as an editor for numerous professional journals and publications.

Jagdish N. Sheth

Jagdish N. Sheth is the founder and president of the Institute for Communica-
tions Research and Education, Inc., a con-
sulting firm whose clients include AT&T,
Ford Motor Company, and Sprint. He earned
a master’s degree and a PhD from the Uni-
dersity’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School
of Business in 1962 and 1966, respectively.

Sheth has had a distinguished career in
academia, currently serving as the Charles
H. Kellstadt Professor of Marketing and
director of the Center for Relationship
Marketing at Emory University. Prior to
holding these positions, he was a professor
at the University of Southern California,
the University of Illinois, the Massachu-
setts Institute of Technology, and Columbia
University.

Sheth’s expertise in marketing has been
internationally recognized through numer-
ous awards and appointments, and he is a
prominent author, having published hundreds of articles and books, including the best-selling
Clients for Life: Evolving from an Expert-
for-Hire to an Extraordinary Adviser (The
Free Press, 2002). A dedicated philanthropist, Sheth
founded the Sheth Family Foundation, which assists more than 60 charities and organiza-
tions in Georgia, where he resides, and in
India, where he grew up. Beneficiaries of the
foundation include Raksha, Inc.; Hosea
Feed the Hungry and Homeless; and Helping
the Blind of India.

Sheth’s generosity also extends to Pitt, where he has established the Madhuri and
Jagdish N. Sheth Foundation Endowment for the Advancement of Marketing and the
Jagdish N. Sheth Foundation Fund.

John J. Tighe III

John J. Tighe III is the founder, presi-
dent, and chief executive officer of TMG
Health, Inc., the nation’s largest provider
of business process outsourcing services, supporting Medicare Advantage and
Managed Medicaid plans for millions of
members. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Pitt’s School of Pharmacy in 1978.

Under Tighe’s leadership, TMG Health has created more than 1,000 jobs and
been recognized as one of the fastest-
growing and most innovative companies in
Pennsylvania and North America.

Tighe was the youngest person to serve as Pennsylvania’s secretary of administra-
tion, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Robert P. Casey Sr. He later served as the governor’s deputy chief of staff. Tighe developed Pennsylvania’s Children’s Health Insur-
ance Program, which became a model for
the federal program.

Tighe is the recipient of many awards, among them the Pennsylvania Cultural
Diversity Planning Dedication and Courage
Award, and he was named to the New
Spring Capital CEO Hall of Fame and the
Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Hall of Fame.

Tighe has demonstrated his long-term
committment to the University of Pittsburgh by providing generous financial support to
the Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing and
to the Department of Athletics and through his service as Governor Casey’s represen-
tative to the University’s Board of Trustees.

He currently serves as a member of the School of Pharmacy’s Board of Visitors.
Concerts


Exhibitions


August Wilson Center for African American Culture, In My Father’s House, multimedia exhibition about how African Americans collect and preserve their culture, through June 2011, 900 Liberty Ave., Downtown, PNC Jazz Studies Program in connection with 40th Annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert, 412-624-4187.

Lectures/Seminars/ Readings


“Over Ten Million Served: Gender and Aging,” Katie J. Hogan, professor of English and director of Women’s Studies, Carlow University, noon Nov. 3, 4:30 p.m. Povl Hall, Pitt Women’s Studies Program Lecture Series, 412-624-4187.

“How Jesus Collected Passover: Renaissance Scholarship and the Jewish Origins of Christianity,” Anthony Grafton, president-elect of the American Historical Association and the Henry Putnam University Professor of History at Princeton University, 5 p.m. Nov. 3, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Pitt Humanities Center, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, classics.pitt.edu. (see page 2)


“The Visual Presentation of Western Music in China During the Qing Dynasty,” Luangfu Fa, doctoral candidate, Pitt Department of Music, 412-624-4187. Nov. 3, Povl Hall, Asia Over Lunch Series, Pitt’s Asian Studies Center, 412-648-7370 or asianstudies@pitt.edu.

Thoroughbreds Family Lecture Series in Disability Law and Policy, Andrew A. Auerbach, professor of law and CEO, American Association of People With Disabilities, 3 p.m. Nov. 3, Student Union Library, Pitt Humanities Club, 412-648-1148, kac.141@pitt.edu.

“Gender and the Medieval/Reinvent French Nation,” a discussion with French and Mediterranean Studies Professor of the Year, Sophie Delphy and Katherine Crawford, 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4, Belline Room, Cathedral of Learning, Pitt’s Humanities Center Colloquium Committee, www.huc.pitt.edu.


A Salute to Louis ‘Pops’ Armstrong,” international jazz trumpetists Randy Brecker and join, 10 a.m. Nov. 6, William Pitt Union Assembly Room, Pitt’s Jazz Studies Program in connection with 40th Annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert, 412-624-4187.

Drummer Winard Harper presents free lecture and demonstration, 11 a.m. Nov. 6, William Pitt Union Assembly Room, Pitt’s Jazz Studies Program in connection with 40th Annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert, 412-624-4187.

Miscellaneous

Women’s Studies Undergraduate Information Expo, an opportunity to connect interested students, learn about service-learning options, and talk to Women’s Studies graduate students, 1 p.m. Nov. 4, Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union, Women’s Studies Program, www.wustudies.pitt.edu.


Please note that the information provided is a summary of events and may not include all details or updates. For the most accurate and current information, please visit the official websites or contact the organizers directly.
By Morgan Kelly

Despite claims of Pittsburgh’s relative immunity to the most recent financial and real estate crunch, certain city neighborhoods have racked up foreclosure rates above the state average, a tally by the University of Pittsburgh University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) has revealed. These properties either languish on the books of financial institutions or are often off-loaded for far below market value, two circumstances that can fast-track a neighborhood’s deterioration.

Sabina Deitrick, director of UCSUR’s urban analysis program, and Christopher Briem, a regional economist in UCSUR, matched city foreclosure filings with assessment records from the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate to determine the location of real-estate-owned properties—those held by a bank or financial institution. Deitrick and Briem published their results in the current issue of UCSUR’s Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly.

During 2008 and 2009, the statewide foreclosure rate was 0.7 percent—the 33rd lowest rate in the nation. In Pittsburgh’s Sheraden neighborhood, on the other hand, 117 foreclosures during those two years put the rate at 2.2 percent, followed by Knoxville, with 1.7 percent, and Marshall-Shadeland, with 1.6 percent. Even some of the city’s more stable neighborhoods, such as Crafton Heights and Brighton Heights, had a rate of 1.4 percent.

Recent reports of such problematic foreclosure processes as “robo-signing,” resulting in wrongful seizures and evictions, have highlighted the influence financial institutions can have on real estate markets, Briem said. As an extension of that, large numbers of properties owned by financial institutions can have significant repercussions for an area—foreclosed properties often stand vacant or sell cheap.

The average sales price of the 628 Pittsburgh homes sold by a financial institution from January 2009 through January 2010 was less than $20,000. Moreover, 40 percent of those homes were located in just 10 neighborhoods. In Beechview, which had the highest number of real-estate-owned houses, 26 homes sold for an average 37 percent less than their assessed value. Those same 10 neighborhoods also contained 40 percent of the 521 Pittsburgh homes owned by a financial institution in January 2010—Beechview led with 29 properties—meaning several more below-market sales in these areas are likely.

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The leading holders were Fannie Mae (9 percent), the Veterans Affairs Administration (7 percent), U.S. Bank National Association (6 percent), Bank of New York Mellon (6 percent), and Wells Fargo Bank (5 percent).