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By Patricia Lomando White

University of Pittsburgh students Naomi Latronica, a junior majoring in molecular biology and history with a minor in chemistry; Paras S. Minhas, a junior majoring in microbiology with minors in mathematics and chemistry; and Matthew A. B. Schief, a junior majoring in neuroscience and economics, have been named 2012 Pitt’s University Honors College.

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Alumni and U.S. Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, 43rd Army Surgeon General, to Be Speaker at Pitt Commencement April 29

By John Harvith and Patricia Lomando White

U.S. Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho (NURS ’92G), the 43rd Army Surgeon General and the commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command, will be the featured speaker at the University of Pittsburgh’s 2012 Commencement on April 29. She became the first woman and the first nurse to hold these positions when she was sworn in on Dec. 7, 2011, following her nomination by President Obama and her confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

The ceremony, which will include the presentation to the Army Surgeon General of an honorary doctoral degree, will begin at 1 p.m. in the Petersen Events Center, with doors opening at 11 a.m. Horoho was honored as a 2012 Distinguished Alumni Fellow during the University’s annual Honors Convocation on Feb. 24, an event that inaugurated Pitt’s 225th anniversary celebration, which continues through Homecoming Weekend in October.

“LIEUTENANT GENERAL Horoho cites as one of the models for her inspirational lifetime of leadership in military health care Pitt’s trauma instructor, Pitt alumnus Elizabeth L. Norian Graharn,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg. “We, in turn, believe that the new Army Surgeon General will be an inspirational speaker for our graduating students, their families and friends, and Pitt faculty, staff, and alumni in the audience. A respected national leader who serves as a model for aspiring women of achievement, Patricia Horoho is emblematic of what an individual with a passionate mission, tireless persistence, and intense personal dedication and integrity can attain with a Pitt education. It will be a privilege to welcome this distinguished Pitt nursing alumna back to campus as our University’s 2012 commencement speaker.”

From the position of U.S. Army staff nurse in 1982, Horoho has risen to serve in many leadership roles, including commander of the Western Regional Medical Command in Fort Lewis, Wash., commander of the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.; commander of the Walter Reed Health Care System; and commander of the DeWitt Health Care Network at Fort Belvoir, Va. She also was deputy surgeon general in the Office of the Surgeon General and 23rd Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and she was deployed to Afghanistan as special assistant to the

commander.

While holding the rank of colonel, Horoho became the first woman and first nurse to command the Walter Reed Health Care System. She coordinated the health care needs of approximately 150,000 service personnel, family members, and retirees in the national capital area and oversaw an integrated health system that included its hub, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and 10 military facilities in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

When two aircraft collided in midair at Pope Air Force Base in 1994, Horoho was

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Four Inaugural Lectures Scheduled

University of Pittsburgh Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson has announced information on four Provost’s Inaugural Lectures that will take place over the next two weeks. All four lectures will be held at 4 p.m. The names of the professors and the titles, dates, and locations of their lectures follow.

Jun Chen, Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Disease Research, Pitt School of Medicine; “Translational Stroke Research: An Expanding Black Hole,” April 4, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall.

George Reid Andrews, Distinguished Professor of History, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, “Racial Inequality in Brazil and the United States, 1990-2010,” April 9, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall.

Yoel Sadovsky, Elise Hilliard Hillman Chair in Women’s and Infants’ Health Research, Pitt School of Medicine, “Feto-Placental Defense: A Micro Role for MicroRNAs,” April 12, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall.

Gary A. Silverman, Magee/Twenty-Five Club Professor of Newborn Medicine, Pitt School of Medicine, “Of Mice, Worms and Men: The Necrosis in Necrotizing Enterocolitis Is Not a Done Deal,” April 9, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery also will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. For more information, call 412-648-2430 or visit www.statlabarts.pitt.edu.
—Sharon S. Blake

Pitt Offers Up to $10,000 for Bomb Threat Information

The University of Pittsburgh is offering a reward of up to $10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for the recent bomb threats on the University of Pittsburgh campus in Oakland. Pitt reserves the right to allocate the reward among multiple sources of information.

Pitt is stating its appeal to the public to assist the University of Pittsburgh Police and FBI with their investigation. Any witness who was in the areas on the dates and at the times of the threats and observed these threats being made or with information about who made these threats is urged to contact the University of Pittsburgh Police Department, 412-624-2121, or by e-mail at police@pitt.edu.

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Insights into Society and Culture

Giving Kids Their First Taste of Culture

How does a middle-school teacher interest students in the study of William Shakespeare, Charles Darwin, and Rachel Carson? Many educators get a helping hand from Pitt’s Department of Theatre Arts, home to the popular Shakespeare-in-the-Schools (SITS) program. Since the 1980s, members of Pitt’s theatre arts faculty, sometimes accompanied by community actors, have traveled to regional middle and high schools, offering an engaging production of Shakespearean works designed specifically for young people.

Whether it’s a modern adaptation of one of the classics or a production highlighting Shakespeare’s most famous fights, SITS programming provides a fresh introduction to the Bard and other writers. For many students, it’s their first experience with live theater.

SITS offers matinees for students on the Pitt campus and sessions with an acting coach for students preparing to perform Shakespeare. In recent years, SITS has added science and ecology to its offerings. SITS also offers matinees for students on the Pitt campus and sessions with an acting coach for students preparing to perform Shakespeare.

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one of the first medical personnel to respond and triage the wounded, leading the emergency responders who cared for the critically injured soldiers. She also took charge of the wounded when terrorists crashed a plane into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and was honored by Time Life Publications for her actions on that fateful day.

Horoho, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., and now a resident of Virginia, enrolled in Pitt’s School of Nursing when she came to Pittsburgh to serve as nurse counselor of the 1st Recruiting Brigade. In addition to receiving her MS degree from Pitt, Horoho earned her BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a resident graduate of the Army’s Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, where she earned a second MS degree in national resource strategy.

A Pitt 2007 Legacy Laureate, Horoho is a highly decorated officer of the armed services, with such honors as the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC)), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. In 2002, she was among 15 nurses selected by the American Red Cross and Nursing Spectrum magazine to receive national recognition as a “Nurse Hero.” She was named 2009 USO Woman of the Year in recognition of her distinguished service. In 2010, the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences appointed her as Distinguished Professor in its Graduate School of Nursing, and she was awarded the Margaret Cochran Corbin Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution for her achievements and influence on women leaders. She also is a member of the Uniformed Services University Board of Regents.

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generosity of spirit. The fostering of excellence by the Goldwater program befits these students and places the University very proud of them.”

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Latorraca, a Pitt Chancellor’s Scholar from Madison, Wis., is conducting research under the direction of Michael McClellan, a professor in Pitt’s Department of Biological Sciences. His research involves the development of Computational and Systems Biology. Previously, this research included an internship at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, Germany; participation in First Experience in Research; an internship in Pitt’s School of Medicine; and work in Pitt’s Molecular Biology Workshop.

Among Latorraca’s honors are a 2011-12 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Academic Year Undergraduate Research Fellowship, a German Academic Exchange Service—Research Internships in Science and Engineering (DAAD-RISE) Fellowship, a Chancellor’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship, an HHMI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and an Ella P. Stewart Award from the University. Pitt also plans to award him a PhD in biochemistry or biophysics that interfaces with the areas of computational and experimental biology. Ultimately, she would like to extend her research from the basic science of macromolecular structure and function to an investigation of how minute changes on the molecular level lead to clinically relevant pathologies. She hopes to work in a university setting and to engage precollege students in experimental science.

Minhas, a Pitt Honors Scholar from Bridgewater, N.J., has an extensive background in molecular biology, including service as a research fellow in the Kogod Center on Aging at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., constructing a pilot study under the supervision of Arundhati Ghosh, an assistant professor in Pitt’s Department of Biological Sciences. Her research includes studies at the Critical Care Unit at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.; and working in Pitt’s Department of Chemistry and Pittsburgh Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases.

In addition to winning the Goldwater Scholarship, Minhas has been selected as an Amgen Scholar, one of 20 individuals across the United States selected for an all-expense-paid research study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this summer. Other awards include a 2011 Mayo Clinic Summer Research Fellowship and 2011 Pitt Honors Research and Chancellor’s Undergraduate Research Fellowships—one of 50 undergraduate students in the University’s history to receive this award. A member of Pitt’s William Pitt Debating Union, Minhas earned the College Examination Debate Association Summa Cum Laude Debate Scholar award in 2011.

Minhas plans to obtain an MD/PhD in microbiology and become a primary investigator of the etiologies of mental disorders in an effort to find cures and teach at medical sciences at the university level.

Schaff, a Pitt Honors Scholar from Strafford, Pa., is an undergraduate researcher in Pitt’s Neuropsychopharmacology Laboratory. She studies the reinforcement-enhancing effects of nicotine on rats through operant conditioning techniques under the direction of Alan Sved, a professor and chair in Pitt’s Department of Psychology. Schaff also spent two summers conducting research at the University of Pennsylvania’s Neuro-psychiatry Laboratory.

An intern/contractor at The Foundation for Biomedical Research in Washington, D.C., Schaff inaugurated the “Research Outreach Initiative,” which encourages scientists to perform K-12 outreach. He is a service volunteer in the Pitt Department of Biological Sciences and Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s Mobile Science Lab Program. Schaff’s honors include the Center for Neuroscience Scholar Undergraduate Fellowship and the University Honors College Fall Research Fellowship. He serves as president of the Pitt Neuroscience Club.

Schaff plans to pursue a PhD in neurosciences and to conduct research on the causes of drug abuse, directing the focus of his research toward understanding the way the brain processes and responds to rewarding stimuli, particularly commonly abused stimulants such as nicotine and cocaine. He hopes to teach at the university level.

Among Pitt’s 38 Goldwater Scholarship honorees since 1995 are 2007 Rhodes Scholar Daniel Armanios, 2006 Rhodes Scholar Justin Chalker, and 2007 Marshall Scholar Anna Quider.

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by Heritage Community Initiatives in the low-income borough of Braddock, Pa. In focus groups, interviews, and surveys, McCaskie talked one-on-one with 50 trainees, the majority of whom were unemployed. McCaskie said she learned that “green” solutions must be based in the understanding of community members because they know best the needs and assets of their community.

During the summer of 2011, McCaskie volunteered as an intern for the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) in Flagstaff, Ariz., interviewing people in 40 Native American communities across the United States and Canada about such energy developments as coal operations, oil refining, and uranium mining on their lands. The profiles she gathered will be included in an IEN report to the Environmental Protection Agency. McCaskie also wrote the Climate Justice and Indigenous Peoples Training Manual, which details activities to introduce audiences to climate change, its impact on Native American communities, and ways to develop just solutions. In addition, she led workshops at the 16th annual Protecting Mother Earth Gathering in North Dakota attended by 800 people. IEN will continue to use the manual in affected communities.

McCaskie spent Fall Term 2011 in Ecuador on a study-abroad culture and development program. A result of her research experience is the research report titled “Redefining Sustainable Development: Case Study of a Hydroelectric Dam.”

Active in public service, McCaskie founded and served as president of Student Allies Intergroup Dialogue, an organization that hosted workshops for students about social injustice and oppression. She is vice president, community outreach chair, and political action vice chair of the Campus Women’s Organization and a volunteer for Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania, and she was a community liaison for the Free the Planet Environmental Group and head campus organizer for the Students in Solidarity with Service Workers campaign.

Solidarity with Service Workers campaign. She serves as a Spanish translator and tutor at Pitt’s Fall School, a laboratory school for educating students from kindergarten through 8th grade and developing new and innovative practices and educational theory. Among McCaskie’s honors are a 2010 Outstanding First Year Student Leader Award, a 2011 Mellon Foundation Award, and a 2010-11 People for the American Way Fellowship.

McCaskie, a native of Wildwood, Mo., says she is committed to the realization of justice as a central component of environmental policy.

Governor Tom Corbett Visits Pitt

The governor traveled to the Pittsburgh campus on March 16 in response to an invitation from Nyssa Narango, president of Pitt’s Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA). Corbett spoke to an audience of 235 during a Panels and Politics event in the William Pitt Union’s Assembly Room that was sponsored by the GPSA and the undergraduate Student Government Board (SGB). Students asked numerous questions about the state’s proposed 30 percent cut in Commonwealth appropriations to the University. After the event, Gov. Corbett and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg visited Pitt’s Swanson School of Engineering and its Center for Energy. Pictured, from left, are SGB President James Lundienwax, Narango, Paul Supowitz, Pitt’s vice chancellor for governmental relations; Nordenberg; and Corbett.
The University of Pittsburgh's Turkish Nationality Room was officially dedicated on March 4. The room, designed to represent the main room in a traditional Turkish house with seating along the walls, is the newest addition to Pitt's 27 existing Nationality Rooms, all but two of which serve as functioning classrooms for Pitt students. Planning for the room began in 2001.

Omer Akin, the room's architect of record and a professor in Carnegie Mellon’s School of Architecture, answers questions about the room's design. Namık Tan, the Turkish ambassador to the United States, cuts the room’s ribbon. To his left stands Turkish Room Chair Malik Tunador.

Langley Hall’s new biocontainment facility is designed to provide a safe enclosure for researchers studying dangerous viruses and bacteria. The facility also includes state-of-the-art security measures and the latest infrastructure systems to provide researchers with fresh air without endangering occupants outside of the containment area. Additionally, there is a well-controlled system for showering before exiting this facility, complete with appropriate double locks and interlocks to protect the enclosed environment and researchers’ safety. Seen just outside the facility are, from left, Paula Embrowksi, professor and chair in the Department of Biological Sciences; Graham Hatfull, Eby Mary Family Professor of Biotechnology, HHMI Professor, Department of Biological Sciences; Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson; and, N. John Cooper, Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Dean of the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

Carol Mohamed, director of Pitt’s Office of Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Inclusion, delivered the keynote address for the closing event of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg’s (UPGs) celebration of Black History Month. The Feb. 28 address was presented in the UPG Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Learning Center. In the photo below are, from left, Jacqueline Harrell, a professor of economics and chair of the Behavioral Science Division and chair of the UPG President’s Advisory Committee on Diversity Affairs; Sharon P. Smith, UPG president; Mohamed; and Samantha Ennis, a sophomore English writing major and winner of the 2012 Pitt-Greensburg Annual Media Contest.

Jack L. Daniel (left), Pitt Distinguished Service Professor of Communication and former vice provost for undergraduate studies and dean of students at Pitt, delivered a March 13 Pitt Provost’s Inaugural Lecture titled “The Power to Define: Who is an African/Black American?” in Posvar Hall. The Provost’s Inaugural Lectures are given by recently appointed distinguished professors and named/undowed chairs. As is tradition, Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson (right) presented Daniel with a medallion especially struck for the occasion.
The Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs have awarded 2012 John G. Borosan Faculty Grants to 10 Pitt professors in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences. Each of the awardees receives $2,000 to conduct research abroad for a class that is being taught or will be taught in the near future. The awardees and their countries of study are as follows: Christopher Armstrong, director of architectural studies and an assistant professor in the Department of History of Art and Architecture, Czech Republic and Slovenia; Joyce Bell, an assistant professor of sociology, Dominican Republic; Neil Doshi, an assistant professor of French, France; Bernard Hagerty, a lecturer in the Department of History, Greece, Latvia, and Denmark; Hannah Johnson, an assistant professor of English, England; Paula Kane, a professor and John and Lucine O’Brien Marous Chair of Contemporary Catholic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies, Italy and France; John Lyne, a professor of communication, Switzerland; Svitlana Maksymenko, a lecturer in the Department of Economics, Poland; Sabina von Dürke, a professor of German, Germany; and Amy Williams, an assistant professor of music, Switzerland.

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Benedum Hall, the home of Pitt’s Swanson School of Engineering, was honored as part of the Master Builders’ Association’s (MBA) 2011 MBA Building Excellence Awards competition. Benedum Hall won the “Renovation Construction Over $10 Million” category. The contractor for the building’s recent [2008-10] renovations was Volpatt Construction Corp. of Castle Shannon, and the architect was Edge Studios of Pittsburgh. The MBA award was given for the Benedum’s first-phase renovations, which included Benedum Hall’s auditorium (both levels), first-floor administration rooms, ground-floor classrooms, library, new basement level with computer lab, some subbasement work, and the fourth floor. Phase two renovations are under way and will include a new basement level as well as improvements to the third and sixth-through-12th floors.

Kirk Savage has been awarded the 2012 John Brinckerhoff Jackson Book Prize from The Foundation for Landscape Studies. Savage, a professor and chair in Pitt’sKenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences’ Department of the History of Art and Architecture, received the award for Monument Wars: Washington, D.C., the National Mall, and the Transformation of the Memorial Landscape (University of California Press, 2009).

The $2,000 prize is awarded to an author of a recently published book that has made significant contributions to the understanding of garden history and landscape studies.

In Monument Wars, Savage tells the story of the National Mall, its historic plans, its structures, and the dramatic shift in national representation through the years, from the image of a single man, often on horseback, to the commemoration of common soldiers and citizens, and from monuments that celebrate victory to memorials that honor victims. Savage explores the politics behind “national memory” and discusses events that helped shape the Mall’s evolution.

“The book will make you go back to the National Mall, but you’ll never again see it in quite the same light,” stated a review of the book in The Washington Post’s Book World.

In 2010, Savage received the Charles C. Eldredge Prize from the Smithsonian American Art Museum for Monument Wars.


Pitt Students With Big Ideas to Compete April 4 for Start-Up Funds With Medical, Energy Innovations

By Audrey M. Marks

Student innovation and entrepreneur-ship will converge when Pitt’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence (IEE) hosts the 2012 Randall Family Big Idea Competition, beginning at 6 p.m. April 4 in Ballroom B of the University Club.

This is the fourth year of the Big Idea Competition, made possible through a leadership gift from the Bob and Rita Randall Family. The IEE is part of the University’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration.

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Drug Delivery Platform, a technol-ogy that allows for controlled release of protein therapeutics to specific tissues; DVSphere, a revolutionary therapy to halt and potentially reverse certain types of diabetes; SensorTech, carbon nanotube sen-sors that detect the presence of danger-ous gases, like hydrogen sulfide, at a fraction of the price of electrochemical gas sensors; SmartPace, a heart-imaging platform that assesses whether a patient will benefit from a pace-maker and, if beneficial, guides the surgeon during implantation; TactSense Technol-ogy, a tactile feedback system for relaying the forces experienced by robotic surgical tools directly to a surgeon’s fingertips; and UV-Pods, market-ready, single-use sun-screen capsules designed to ensure that the right amount of sunscreen is applied by the user.

Additionally, 13 runner-up teams will compete in a WILDCARD round, with a chance to win $1,000. The winner will be chosen by those who attend the 6:40 p.m. Randall Family Big Idea Competition showcase and vote for their favorite idea.

“If you have an idea, take a shot,” said IEE Director Patrick J. Bolger. “We look forward to seeing what you’ve come up with.”

The IEE is part of the Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration. Student winners have included Jennifer Ziegler, who founded Solarion, a biotech company that created a platform for the photovoltaic industry; and Lauren Hans, founder of Greenwork, a company that develops energy-efficient building solutions.

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**Happenings**

**April 14**

An evening of music and dance from Indonesia, Bellefield Hall Auditorium.

**Concerts**

- **April 9,** performances by some of Pitt's outstanding students.
- **April 7,** 7:30 p.m., Matthew Shipp Trio, www.pittarts.pitt.edu.

**Exhibitions**

- **April 12–15,** Art in Bloom, featuring favorite works of art, flowers, and an array of festivities.

**Lectures/Seminars/Readings**

- **April 3,** 9:15, The Invention of the Human in Early China: Rereading the Annales, a collaboration between visual and written historians, 4:15 p.m., 414 Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for Philosophy of Science, 412-624-1052, www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr.

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**University Gamelan Concert,** an evening of music and dance from Indonesia, Bellefield Hall Auditorium, April 14.

**Concerts**


**The Moody Blues,** in conjunction with the 45th anniversary of the rock band's landmark album *Days of Future Passed,* 8 p.m. April 2, Benedum Center, 237 7th St., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and Steve Itman Promotions, 412-456-6666, www.trustarts.org.


**GSF Guitar Night,** Ken Karsh, jazz guitarist; Ricardo Marlow, flamenco guitarist; Doug Edgell, acoustic guitarist; and Ricardo Marlow, flamenco guitarist; April 7, 8 p.m., www.gsfapittsburgh.org.


**PSF Guitar Night,** Ken Karsh, jazz guitarist; Ricardo Marlow, flamenco guitarist; Doug Edgell, acoustic guitarist; and Ricardo Marlow, flamenco guitarist; April 7, 8 p.m., www.gsfapittsburgh.org.

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**Heinz Chapel Choir,** annual free spring concert of a cappella music from around the world, 5 p.m. April 15, free, Bellefield Hall Auditorium, Pitt Department of Music, www.music.pitt.edu.

**Graduate Student Composers Concert,** IsonSound Project, Pitt’s ensemble-in-residence, performing new music by Pitt graduate-student composers, 8 p.m. April 15, free, Bellefield Hall Auditorium, 412-624-4125.
Ron Carlson, reading and discussion with the author, 8:30 a.m. April 5, Frick Fine Arts Building, Pitt's Contemporary Writers Series, Pitt Department of English, 412-624-6508, www.pitt.edu/~thewriters-wordpress.com.

“Empires of the Past and Present: Is the EU a New Empire?” symposium with featured presenters from Pitt’s Department of History, including Patrick Manning, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of World History, Martha Chaiklin, assistant professor; and Peter Karsten, professor, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 6, 4217 Posvar Hall, 2012 Penn Monarch Symposium, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence, European Studies Center, www.acs.pitt.edu/eusem/content/empires-past-and-present.

“Divination and its Mirrors: Petits, Control, and the Notion of Desire in South Korea,” David J. Kim, postdoctoral fellow in anthropology, noon April 6, 4:30 Posvar Hall, East Asian Languages and Literatures Colloquium, talk@pitt.edu.


“Gender-Based Violence: An Important Neglected Factor in High-Risk Sexual Behavior Amongst Vulnerable Populations (LGBT and Commercial Sex Workers) in India,” Mythili Ramakrishna, Heinz Fellow, Pitt University Center for International Studies, 4 p.m. April 12, 4130 Posvar Hall, Global Issues Lecture Series, Pitt University Center for International Studies, Global Studies Center, 412-383-3802, jnorwarki@pitt.edu.

“Let’s Talk Diversity!”, a symposium featuring a panel discussion with five Pittsburgh executives with employment diversity responsibilities, 3 p.m. April 13, Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, Benedum Center, Pitt’s Contemporary Writers Series, Pitt Department of English, 412-624-1319, 132 Music Building, 412-624-4125.

Miscellaneous

“Secularism on Campus,” leaders of national secular campus groups gather to discuss the impact of such organizations on campus life, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 3, Clapp Hall Auditorium, free for University students, $20 for general public, sponsored by Inquiry Institute, Pitt Secular Alliance, School of Information Sciences, http://arbitration.confERENCEresearch.org/query/index?site=Calen
dar#ID-242156#view-detail.

2012 Randall Family Big Idea Competition, empowering student entrepreneurs from across the University with six finalists vying for a $50,000 prize, 6 p.m. April 6, free, University Club, Pitt Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, reservations required, www.business.pitt.edu/student-entrepreneurs/bigidea/index.php.

“Conversing Clutter: Hartford Partnership Fellowship Presentation 2012,” presented by students in Pitt’s School of Social Work to raise awareness about bounding and distributing information about the disorder, 8:30 a.m. April 11, 2012 Cultural Leadership, Pitt School of Social Work, 412-901-6737, mbdie@pitt.edu.

2-Mile Walk for Congo Women, to raise awareness of women’s plight of torture and rape in Democratic Republic of Congo with all proceeds benefiting the Women for Women International’s Congo Project, 9:15 a.m. April 14, Jenny King Mellon Library parking lot, Chatham University, Creating Equality (P.A.C.E) Organization, register at www.womenincongo.womenschamahamiversity.eventbrite.com or Mbdie@Chatham.edu.

TIES Information Luncheon for Researchers and Research Assistants, talk on Text Information Extraction Systems (TIES), Rebecca Crowther, director, Department of Biomedical Information Graduate Training Program, Pitt School of Medicine, 11 a.m.-noon April 18, Heinz Women’s Hospital, Conference Room CR211, open to Pitt and UPMC faculty, staff, and students, registration required, http://nii.upmc.edu/register/index.html, 412-623-4753.

Carnegie Museum of Art, Claude Monet’s Waterlilies, Permanent Collection, ongoing.

Heinz Chapel Choir, Bellefield Hall Auditorium, April 15


“Empires of the Past and Present: Is the EU a New Empire?” symposium with featured presenters from Pitt’s Department of History, including Patrick Manning, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of World History, Martha Chaiklin, assistant professor; and Peter Karsten, professor, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 6, 4217 Posvar Hall, 2012 Penn Monarch Symposium, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence, European Studies Center, www.acs.pitt.edu/eusem/content/empires-past-and-present.

“Divination and its Mirrors: Petits, Control, and the Notion of Desire in South Korea,” David J. Kim, postdoctoral fellow in anthropology, noon April 6, 4:30 Posvar Hall, East Asian Languages and Literatures Colloquium, talk@pitt.edu.


“Gender-Based Violence: An Important Neglected Factor in High-Risk Sexual Behavior Amongst Vulnerable Populations (LGBT and Commercial Sex Workers) in India,” Mythili Ramakrishna, Heinz Fellow, Pitt University Center for International Studies, 4 p.m. April 12, 4130 Posvar Hall, Global Issues Lecture Series, Pitt University Center for International Studies, Global Studies Center, 412-383-3802, jnorwarki@pitt.edu.

“Let’s Talk Diversity!”, a symposium featuring a panel discussion with five Pittsburgh executives with employment diversity responsibilities, 3 p.m. April 13, Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, Benedum Center, Pitt’s Contemporary Writers Series, Pitt Department of English, 412-624-1319, 132 Music Building, 412-624-4125.
By B. Rose Huber

Today’s students understand that a greener campus requires more than turning off lights and recycling; it takes a significant effort to reduce a university’s environmental footprint. To that end, Pitt students will present projects focused on greening Pitt’s campus at the 5th Annual Student Sustainability Symposium, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 13 in the William Pitt Union Ballroom.

The Student Sustainability Symposium will feature such student-led projects as a campuswide recycling competition in residence halls, the “greening” of Pitt athletic events, and a sustainable food education program. Hosted by the Environmental Studies Program in Pitt’s Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, the symposium was initiated in 2007 by students and professors from Pitt, Carnegie Mellon, and Duquesne universities in response to the Rachel Carson Homestead Association’s Legacy Challenge.

Sign-in and registration will take place from 9:30 to 9 a.m. At this time, a “Sustain-A-Bowl” will be open to participants, featuring student poster sessions and environmental education booths built by Pitt student groups. Tables also will feature the work of such community environmental organizations as Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP), Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and TreePittsburgh.

Following opening remarks by Mark Collins, lecturer and environmental studies coordinator in Pitt’s Department of Geology and Planetary Science, Pittsburgh councilman Bill Peduto (District 8) will deliver the keynote address. Also part of the day’s events will be a series of student presentations and a panel featuring Pitt staff members talking about campus green initiatives.

The afternoon sessions include an Eco Jobs Panel with professionals from the Pittsburgh sustainability community. Featured panelists are Patricia Demarco, director of the Rachel Carson Institute, Chatham University; Barbara Kviz, environmental coordinator, Carnegie Mellon University; Douglas Shields, former Pittsburgh City Council president; and Christie Lawry, education specialist, Phipps Conservatory.

The symposium will conclude with a Q&A forum titled “Where Do We Go From Here?” Lunch will be provided by Sodexo and Oakland-area restaurants. For more information and to register for the conference, contact Ward Allebach at allebach@consolidated.net or 412-606-9075; walk-in registrations will be accepted.