

Carnegie Mellon President Jared L. Cohon To Address Pitt's Honors Convocation, Receive Pitt Honorary Degree Feb. 22

Jared L. Cohon, the president of Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), will be the keynote speaker at the University of Pittsburgh's 37th annual Honors Convocation, to be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland.

Honors Convocation recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of Pitt alumni, faculty, staff, and students, and all members of the University community are invited to attend. University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg will preside and bestow an honorary doctoral degree on Cohon. The ceremony also will mark the formal end of Pitt's celebration of the 225th anniversary of its founding, on Feb. 28, 1787.

Cohon was elected Carnegie Mellon's eighth president in 1997 and has been serving with distinction in that position since then. More than a year ago, he announced that this would be his last year as president and that he planned to assume a position as a member of the engineering school faculty at CMU.

In commenting on Cohon's tenure as president, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg said, "Jerry Cohon has been an outstanding leader for Carnegie Mellon, a committed citizen of Pittsburgh, a devoted partner of Pitt, and a wonderful friend to me. Among many other accomplishments, he helped create an institutional culture that



Jared L. Cohon

fostered levels of collaboration between Pitt and CMU that are unique in the world of higher education. That spirit of cooperation has made both institutions stronger and has provided a distinctive form of strength to the region."

Before assuming CMU's presidency, Cohon had served as dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and as

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Pitt Day in Harrisburg 2013

Advocating for Pitt and Making a Difference in Just One Day

By John Fedele

"What difference does this make?"

That's the greeting Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg received from a student upon entering the main rotunda in the state Capitol for the 2013 Pitt Day in Harrisburg, held on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

"It makes ALL the difference," Nordenberg told the student. The Chancellor relayed this encounter to an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 500 Pitt students, faculty, staff, and parents who had spent the day meeting with Pennsylvania legislators. Nordenberg thanked the volunteers, who had come from across the Commonwealth and from as far away as Washington, D.C.

Their message to Pennsylvania lawmakers was threefold. They thanked senators and representatives for their continued support of state funding for Pitt. They relayed the University's importance to Southwestern Pennsylvania's economy and to high-level research in many academic fields. And finally, the volunteers told their personal Pitt stories.

Nordenberg reminded the volunteers that the Governor has proposed a second year of flat state funding for Pitt. "Flat funding—after a decade of flat funding, a

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Chancellor Nordenberg Names Winners of Distinguished Teaching, Research, and Public Service Awards

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg has announced the winners of the 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching, Research, and Public Service Awards.

The following five Pitt faculty members will receive the 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award:

- **Marah Gubar**, a professor of English and director of the Children's Literature Program within the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences;

- **Steven Little**, a professor, CNG Faculty Fellow, and chair in the Pitt Swanson School of Engineering's Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and the Pitt-UPMC McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine;

- **Bryan Norman**, a professor of industrial engineering in the Swanson School;

- **Regis Vollmer**, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences in Pitt's School of Pharmacy; and

- **Brett Wells**, senior lecturer in the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures within the Dietrich School.

The following five Pitt faculty members will receive the 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Awards:

- **Tia-Lynn Ashman**, professor and associate chair in Pitt's Department of

Biological Sciences within the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences;

- **Lisa Bodnar**, professor in the Department of Epidemiology within Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health;

- **Shaun Eack**, an assistant professor in Pitt's School of Social Work;

- **Kirk Savage**, a professor in the Department of the History of Art and Architecture within the Dietrich School; and

- **Peter Strick**, Distinguished Professor and chair in the Department of Neurobiology within Pitt's School of Medicine.

Ashman, Savage, and Strick are being honored in the senior scholar category, which recognizes "an outstanding and continuing record of research and scholarly activity," while Bodnar and Eack are being honored in the junior scholar category.

The two winners of the 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Awards are:

- **Harry Gruener**, a clinical professor in the School of Law; and

- **Jeffrey Shook**, a professor in the School of Social Work.

Each awardee will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and a \$3,000 grant for research support and will be recognized during the University of Pittsburgh's 36th annual Honors Convocation, to be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland. The event is free and open to the public.

Distinguished Teaching Award

As director of the English department's Children's Literature program, **Gubar** has made significant contributions to the curriculum and has advocated a new direction

for studying children's literature in the wider context of childhood studies. In his Feb. 7 letter to Gubar notifying her of the

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Alumni Association Names Distinguished Alumni Fellows



Catherine U. Dischner



Johanna M. Seddon



Tom R. Slone

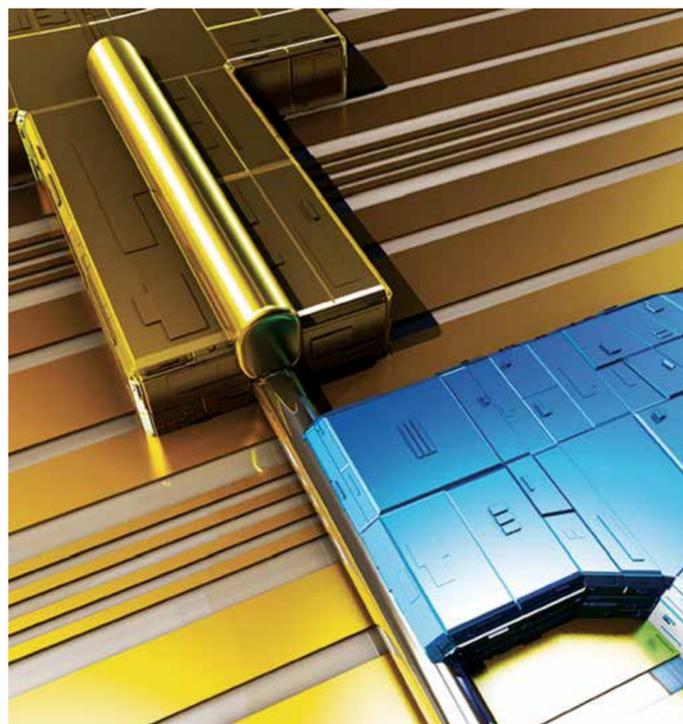
By Adam Reger

The University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association has named Catherine U. Dischner (NURS '79), assistant deputy under secretary for health for organizational integration in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Johanna M. Seddon (A&S '70, MED '74), professor of ophthalmology at Tufts University and director of the Ophthalmic Epidemiology and Genetics

Service in the New England Eye Center; and Tom R. Slone (CGS '88), chair and CEO of Touchstone Communications, as Distinguished Alumni Fellows for 2013. Dischner, Seddon, and Slone will be honored during the University's annual Honors Convocation at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in Carnegie Music

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Research Article Coauthored by Pitt's Sergey Frolov Named Best Article of Year by *Science*



By B. Rose Huber

A paper in the prestigious journal *Science* coauthored by University of Pittsburgh physicist Sergey Frolov has garnered him and his colleagues the 2012 Newcomb Cleveland Prize, an annual honor awarded to the author or authors of the best research article or report appearing in *Science*, which is published weekly by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The prize carries with it a cash award of \$25,000.

The paper, "Signatures of Majorana fermions in hybrid superconductor-semiconductor nanowire devices," highlights the detection of the Majorana fermion, a long-sought-after physics particle expected to have properties ideal for quantum computing. The article was published in *Science* on May 25, 2012, and featured on that issue's cover.

"We are humbled by the honor of this prize," said Frolov, study coprincipal investigator and assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy within Pitt's Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences. "We will continue exploring the field that we started with this paper, and, in my new laboratory at Pitt, we'll use Majorana particles to assemble the building blocks of a quantum computer."



Sergey Frolov

Frolov worked on the research detailed in the paper while serving as a postdoctoral fellow in the Netherlands at Delft University of Technology. His collaborators include Vincent Mourik, Leo Kouwenhoven, and Kun Zuo of Delft University of Technology and Sebastien Plissard and Erik Bakkers from Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands.

Some previous recipients of the Newcomb Cleveland Prize have gone on to win the Nobel Prize in Physics, among them the notable 1995 Cleveland Prize honoree Eric A. Cornell, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2001 for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of

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alkali atoms and his early fundamental studies of the properties of those condensates.

The association's oldest prize, now supported by Affymetrix, the Newcomb Cleveland Prize annually recognizes the author or authors of an outstanding paper published in the Research Articles or Reports sections of the journal *Science* between June and the following May. Eligible *Science* papers include those with original research data, theories, or synthesis representing a fundamental contribution to basic knowledge, or a technical achievement of far-reaching consequence.

Winning nominations are first-time publications of the author's or authors' own work.

The prize was established in 1923 with funds donated by Newcomb Cleveland of New York City and was originally called the AAAS Thousand Dollar Prize. It is now, with its \$25,000 award, known as the AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize.

Winners receive a bronze medal, complimentary registration, and reimbursement for reasonable travel and hotel expenses to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting, which takes place Feb. 14-18 in Boston. The awards ceremony and reception will be held Feb. 15.

Visit <http://www.aaas.org/aboutaaas/awards/newcomb> for more information.

Peter C. Varischetti Appointed Commonwealth Trustee and Pa. Senator Jay Costa Reappointed Commonwealth Trustee on Pitt Board



Peter C. Varischetti



Jay Costa

By John Harvith

Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati has appointed University of Pittsburgh alumnus Peter C. Varischetti, president of Varischetti Holdings, LP, in Brockway, Pa., a Commonwealth Trustee on the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees and has reappointed Pennsylvania State Senator and Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa (43rd District) a Pitt Commonwealth Trustee.

Varischetti succeeds 1967 Pitt School of Law alumnus and recently retired Pennsylvania State Senator Mary Jo White (21st District), who was first appointed to the

University's board in 2004. Costa has been a Pitt Commonwealth Trustee since 2001, serving on the University Board's Athletics and Property and Facilities committees and on the Boards of Visitors for Pitt's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, its School of Law, and the School of Nursing, where he is the visiting board's vice chair.

"Peter Varischetti is a respected business and community leader, as well as a distinguished graduate and loyal supporter of our University," said Pitt Chancellor Mark A.

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You Are Invited

to join the celebration as Pitt students, faculty, alumni, and staff are recognized for their outstanding achievements and their contributions to the rich quality of life on campus and in the surrounding community.

37th Annual Honors Convocation

3 p.m. Friday, February 22

Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue
Honors Convocation is open to the public.

All honorees and their guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the Honors Convocation.

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Life Transformed: Through Poetry, Chaos Becomes Beauty

By B. Rose Huber and Terrell Jermaine Starr

In a Detroit home, a child draws on colored sheets of paper her aunt supplies her from the printing company where she works. Sometimes, the young girl draws animals. Other times, quaint buildings or people. The scribbled images quickly become part of the child's reality, at least in her mind.

"I actually believed whatever I drew was real," says the former doodler, now an award-winning poet. If she drew a house, therein resided people and souls and emotions. "If I drew money, I thought I actually had one hundred dollars," she adds, wryly.

What the experience taught her was that ideas expressed on paper have life—and the ability to change one.

Today, Toi Derricotte is a Pitt professor of English and cofounder, with fellow poet Cornelius Eady, of the New York-based Cave Canem Foundation—a historic workshop/retreat established in 1996 to support and foster the work of African American poets. She has published more than a thousand poems and prose pieces in journals, anthologies, and magazines and is the winner of two Pushcart Prizes, the Lucille Medwick Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America, the Paterson Poetry Prize for her book *Tender*, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Non-Fiction for *The Black Notebooks*, along with numerous fellowships and other honors. In 2012, she was named to the prestigious Academy of American Poets' Board of Chancellors. In 2009, she won the Pitt Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award. She has mentored hundreds of students, including Pitt 1997 MFA graduate and 2010 National Book Award for Poetry winner Terrance Hayes. Now a professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University, Hayes, Derricotte says, helped her build Cave Canem from the "ground up."

Derricotte's acclaimed works include the books *Tender*, *Captivity*, and *The Black Notebooks*, but so far she's most proud of her recently published memoir-roofed collection of poems, *The Undertaker's Daughter*. This book explores in raw and honest detail Derricotte's tumultuous childhood, which included abuse, racism, and painful questions of identity. Somehow, the scribbled drawings of her childhood—and later, the images she crafted with words—helped Derricotte to define her own reality in an unpredictable world.

"While writing this book, I began hearing the voices of my father inside of me," Derricotte says. "I'd always thought these voices were my own, but, through writing this book, I realized they were something else completely. It shows the power of a poem and how it can bring out a part of the self that's unvoiced, something unique that an artist struggles to put together—a way of transforming an internal chaos into something that has order and beauty."

As a young adult, Derricotte majored in special education at Wayne State University in Detroit while continuing to come to terms with personal pain



Toi Derricotte



Derricotte at a signing event for her book *The Undertaker's Daughter*.

through poems and private journal writings—rarely showing them to others. After earning her bachelor's degree, she began to teach students with special needs in the Detroit area and eventually moved to New Jersey and New York, where she continued to teach, gaining, at that time, experience in the Poets-in-the-Schools program. All the while, she was composing her own poetry, mastering her craft in private. More than a

decade after earning her teaching degree, she began graduate school at New York University, where, at age 43, she earned a master's degree in English and creative writing. She moved to Pittsburgh shortly thereafter and accepted a faculty position in Pitt's Department of English.

Twenty years later, Derricotte continues to influence poets of all races in the classroom. Even though she will retire from Pitt this year, she plans to continue her work with Cave Canem Foundation to "give power to people whose words weren't recognized." This issue of silence pulls on Derricotte's heartstrings, as she often felt voiceless in her early career.

"African Americans weren't really recognized when I was in graduate school," she remarks. "Very few were published, and we didn't read their work. I cofounded Cave Canem to address this, to encourage those voices to see what it did for me and how it kept me alive. I wanted these discouraged voices to be heard and encouraged to speak."

It is through this type of mentoring that Derricotte feels whole. Though she has a mantle lined with literary awards, she is most proud of her years of university teaching, where she has guided young students to craft words that incarnate feelings, nourish the spirit, and seek the truth.

Derricotte admits that it's not an easy

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path—being a poet. There is a "demon" that goes along with it, she says jokingly, especially in terms of getting published and staying afloat financially. But for most serious writers, the urge to put pen to paper continually returns. She credits the writer's voice as a catalyst, advising young authors to accept negative, doubting voices as just part of the process.

"I don't think that we know early on what we're doing," she says. "We're just doing it out of love and need."

Which is how it began for the child who scribbled her dreams onto pages and then turned them into something real.



Scholar-Athletes Honored at Annual Ceremony

Women's tennis named top academic team, softball named most improved team

Pitt's 4.0 Scholar-Athletes



Standing, from left, Steve Pederson, Pitt athletic director; Jeff Kondis, Pitt Alumni Association president-elect; Catherine Dunseith (swimming and diving); Benjamin Kiskey (track and field/cross country); Luke Novosel (baseball); Bradley Lukasak (football); Lauren Matevish (swimming and diving); Elizabeth Kline (track and field); Kimberly Borza (tennis), and Mike Farabaugh, director of academic support. Seated, from left, Christina Lisella (swimming and diving); Lauren Mills (swimming and diving); Katelyn Lippert (soccer); Korinne Piper (track and field); Hannah Brady (cheer and dance); and Jocelyn Lu (tennis). Not pictured are: Jillian Grossman, Jhana Hawrylak, Brittany Jackson, Kayla Missigman, Julia Runco, and Danielle Scalise, all members of the cheer and dance team; Michael Shanahan, football; Megan Hebda, track and field; and Tyler Wilps, wrestling.

By Celeste Welsh

The University of Pittsburgh hosted its annual Scholar-Athlete Awards ceremony to honor and recognize more than 300 student-athletes for their outstanding academic achievements. The awards presentation was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the

Connolly Ballroom of Alumni Hall. Pitt Alumni Association President-Elect Jeffrey Kondis was among those who addressed the student-athletes.

"I've had the pleasure of teaching in the College of Business Administration

and always look forward to having student-athletes in my class," Kondis said to those in attendance. "You have shown what it takes to be successful on the field and in the classroom. You get it. Because of that, I'm very confident that you will know what it takes

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to be successful in whatever you choose to do after you graduate. I look forward to welcoming you into our alumni family of almost 300,000 members around the world."

Members of Pitt's Academic Support Services for student-athletes handed out Blue and Gold awards to students who earned higher than a 3.0 GPA during the 2012 spring and fall semesters.

In addition, Pitt Athletic Director Steve Pederson announced the academic team awards. "I believe what you are doing is exactly what we hope every student-athlete will do. You are doing so well in your sport, you are doing so well in your personal life, and you're committed to doing so well in school," he said. "This is such a great event because it combines all the things that I think are so important in what we are trying to do as an athletics department."

The women's tennis team was named the top academic team and the best women's squad for the third consecutive year, with an impressive 3.35 GPA. The most improved team was also a women's team, softball, which earned a cumulative 3.14 GPA. Earning the top men's academic award was the men's soccer team, boasting a collective 3.09 GPA. The soccer squad has captured the men's top honor for the fourth straight year.

Women's Track and Field
Oluwafunmilayo Alabi, Paige Anderson, Anyssa Barbour, Emily Barno, Kimberly Bizal, Audrey Burger, Jessica Catalano, Ashley Corum, Taylor Ellis-Watson, Rachel Erny, Angela Fatigati, Arielle Fonrose, Robin Gilmore, Amanda Kuhl, Jonnique Lawrence, Michelle Magyar, Susan Martinez, Kelsey Metheny, Jenna Moen, Samantha Owens, Natalie Ryan, Haley Springman, Katelyn Todd, and Ashley Woodford

Women's Volleyball
Alexa Campbell, Lauren Hartman, Maria Nicholas, and Monica Wignot

Wrestling
Karl DeCiantis, Zachary Grove, Tyler Nauman, Matthew Patrick, and Donald Tasser

Blue Awards (3.0-3.49 GPA)

Baseball
Andrew Belfiglio, Anthony DeFabio, Richard Devereaux, Matthew Iannazzo, David Kaye, Albert Lardo, Peter Macke, Casey Roche, Elvin Soto, Stephen Vranka, Tanner Wilt, Dylan Wolsonovich, and David Yakopec

Men's Basketball
Malcolm Gilbert, Michael Lecak, Aron Nwankwo, Nicholas Rivers, and Cameron Wright

Women's Basketball
Marvadene Anderson, Loliya Briggs, Marquel Davis, Kyra Dunn, Brianna Kiesel, Cora McManus, and Krista Pettepier

Cheer and Dance Team
Brianna Clare, Shannon Dugan, Kelly Faddish, Meghan Gary, Justin Gilbert, Bethany Gottshall, Thomas Gresko, Danielle Guarascio, Marlee Hartenstein, Olivia Heidenfelder, Samantha Herman, Bradley Kopp, John Kornaga, David Lear, Caitlyn McCann, Madelena McCauley, Cory McMillen, Courtney Miller, Karli Minick, Alexandra Molyneaux, Teresa Pipak, Brittany Post, Natalie Runco, Alexander Shaffer, Kaja Siewczak, Alisha Slomers, Rachel Stachelrodt, Alyssa Standlick, Douglas Stouch, Kathryn Sullivan, Renae Sweeney, Anna Sweeny, Sienna Williams, Julie Wislie, Daniel Woodruff, and Megan Zammerilla

Football
Trey Anderson, Edgar Banks, Kevin Barthelemy, John Bennett, Adam Bisnowaty, George Bradley, Andrew Carswell, Jacob Craig, Brendon Felder, Anthony Gonzalez, Hubert Graham, Justin Hargrove, Kevin Harper, Christopher Jacobson, Cory King, Adam Lazenga, Bryan Murphy, David Murphy, Marco Pecora, Jevonte Pitts, Gabriel Roberts, Tristan Roberts, Arthur Rowell, Roderick Ryles, Ray Vinopal, Emmanuel Williams, Eric Williams, Christopher Wuestner, and Matthew Yoklic

Annual Scholar-Athlete Breakfast



Athletics department staff and scholar-athlete honorees gathered for breakfast before the awards ceremony. From left, Jason Richards, assistant video coordinator; basketball players Aron Nwankwo, Steven Adams, Cameron Wright, and Michael Lecak; and Mike Farabaugh, director of academic support.

Gymnastics
Tiara Chadran, Maya Ketner, Brittany Marcesini, Lindsay Offutt, Haley Sedgewick, and Alicia Catherine Talucci

Men's Soccer
Andrew Clifford, Emilio Cordero, Cole DeVaul, Kevin Fielden, Alexander Harrison, Daniel Lynd, Ryan McKenzie, Chukwudi Onyeukwu, Eric Walker, and Nicholas Wysong

Women's Soccer
Danielle Benner, Ann Charlebois, Ashley Cuba, Nicole D'Agostino, Caroline Keefer, Lyndsay Pierson, and Jaclyn Poucel

Softball
Kaila Balatgek, Nikki Caruso, Morgan Choe, Nicole Cognigni, Kathryn Duran, Holly Stevens, Carly Thea, and Carissa Throckmorton

Men's Swimming and Diving
Christoph Berger, Harris Bergman, Morne Boshoff, Dawid Goszczycki, Andrew McCarthy, Luke Nosbisch, Joseph Notarianni, Robert Power, Mackenzie Rice, Alexander Rodenkirk, David Sweeney, and Martin Vogel

Women's Swimming and Diving
Victoria Brungo, Joanna Budzys, Kimberlee Cadell, Danielle Des Tombe, Veronica Lee, Madeline Marcelle, Angelika McGhee, Mackenzie Meixner, Tatyanna Sarjeant, Yolandi Van Rooyen, Blair Wegescheide, and Samantha Winkelmann

Women's Tennis
Melissa Bostwick, Gabrielle Catanzariti, Amanda Wickman, and Molly Wickman

Men's Track and Field/Cross Country
Matthew Dallago, Dustin Fuller, Tashaun Hill, Folarin Ijelu, Daniel Lipus, Cayla Del Piano, Joshua Mindlin, Daniel O'Toole, Joshua Thompson, and Aaron Turner

Women's Track and Field
Michelle Adigwu, Kalene Anderson, Rachel Brown, Karli Buescher, Alexandra Cady, Kelsey Coates, Caroline Keefer, Lyndsay Pierson, Hillary Doucette, Claar Ennis, Deanna Felicissimo, Mary Frank, Caroline Kirby, Julia Koloski, Jordan Lee, Nicole Leskovicz, Brittany Lightfoot, Paige Lumley, Amber McAteer, Erin Moss, Morgan Perry, Stephanie Powers, Chelsea Scott,

Brooke Shasteen, Elizabeth Tabor, Taranisha Taylor, Evann Thompson, and Jessica Tongue

Women's Volleyball
Margaret Acton, Jessica Boddy, Delaney Clesen, Cassandra Congemi, Sarah Grabowski, Jenna Jacobson, Amanda Orchard, Alexandria Phillips, Brenea White, Kate Yeazel, and Lindsey Zitzke

Wrestling
Michael Gregory, Victor Konno, Shelton Mack, Geno Morelli, Derrick Nelson, Joshua Pascazi, Troy Reaghard, Travis Shaffer, Jordan Shulman, Patrick Tasser, Maxwell Thomsusait, Zachary Thomsusait, and Matthew Wilps

Scholar-Athlete Awards

4.0 GPA Awards

Baseball
Luke Novosel

Cheer and Dance Team
Hannah Brady, Jillian Grossman, Jhana Hawrylak, Brittany Jackson, Kayla Missigman, Julia Runco, and Danielle Scalise

Football
Bradley Lukasak and Michael Shanahan

Women's Soccer
Katelyn Lippert

Women's Swimming and Diving
Catherine Dunseith, Christina Lisella, Lauren Matevish, and Lauren Mills

Women's Tennis
Kimberly Borza and Jocelyn Lu

Men's Track and Field/Cross Country
Benjamin Kiskey

Women's Track and Field
Megan Hebda, Elizabeth Kline, and Korinne Piper

Wrestling
Tyler Wilps

Gold Awards (3.5-3.99 GPA)

Baseball
Luke Curtis, Jonathan Danielczyk, Eric Hess, David Kaye, and Ethan Mildren

Men's Basketball
Steven Adams

Women's Basketball
Abigail Dowd and Asia Logan

Cheer and Dance Team
Brandy Ardolino, Nicolette Bendick, Kellyn Black, Derek Bradley, Laura Brouse, Juliana Bursic, Samantha Bursic, Megan Cunningham, Teassa Eddy, Amanda Eggert, Dorinda Fella, Katelyn Hall, Cathryn Hoel, Emma Holmes, Mallory Karavolis, Chelsea Koryak, Jessica Litten, Alyssa Miller, Morgan Mohny, Danielle Narlesky, Hilary Nickels, Brianna Norris, Kristen O'Hara, Jill Palski, Madisyn Pina, Anna Porter, Marissa Puc, Benjamin Rubino, Mary Sanders, Adam Slabicki, Jeralyn Smith, Kristin Weir, Zara Wroblewski, and Kyle Yurkewicz

Football
Keegan Buck, Myles Caragein, Lloyd Carrington, David Durham, Patrick Fisher,

Jarred Holley, Khaynin Mosley-Smith, Michael Theys, Ryan Turnley, Chad Voytik, Christopher Yankoski, and Brett Zuck

Gymnastics
Alyssa Adrian, Haley Bodenheimer, Briana Hogan, Laura Kummerle, Kori Macdonald, Mary O'Rourke, Alexa Riech, Laura Rigney, and Lisa Taylor

Men's Soccer
Julian Dickenson, Colten Fortenbaugh, Keegan Gunderson, Daniel Mark, Ryan Myers, Daniel Prete, Graham Smith, Benjamin Stein, Michael Tuohy, Yuta Umeda, Cory Werth, Andrew Wright, and Nicolas Wrobel

Women's Soccer
Roosa Arva, Abigail Baldys, Alyssa Meier, Kristina Rioux, Katelyn Ruhe, Morgan Sharick, and Lauren Yobbi

Softball
Theresa Clancy, Ciera Damon, Jordan Fannin, Keli Gaynor, Taylor Henry, Kelly Hmiel, Savannah King, Alexa Larkin, Carmelena Moffa, Maggie Sevilla, and Lauren Vinson

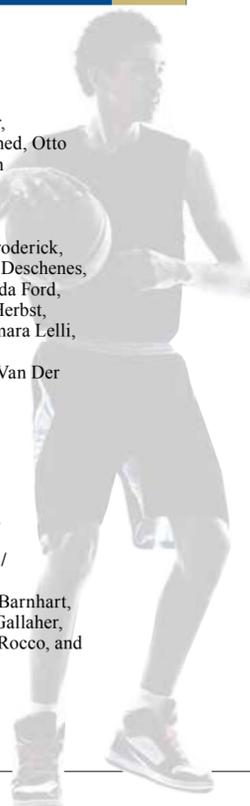
Men's Swimming and Diving
Nicholas Bertha, Mark Cooney,

Rousseau Kluever, Jonathan Lierley, Adam Maczewski, Tyler Matheny, Pierre-Antoine Meunier, Hussein Medrat-Mohamed, Otto Pagel, and John Pidgeon

Women's Swimming and Diving
Emily Bolek, Ashley Broderick, Kimberly Ciotti, Renee Deschenes, Brittany Disanti, Amanda Ford, Lauren Fuerst, Kelsey Herbst, Alexandra Iwanicki, Tamara Lelli, Jessica Nederlanden, Alec Sheaffer, Yolandi Van Der Merwe, Leigh Waltz, and Sarah Zentmeisl

Women's Tennis
Jacqueline Brown, Minh-Chau Evans, and Karma-Jaya Parbhu

Men's Track and Field/Cross Country
Richard Addison, Kurt Barnhart, Andrew Cerrito, Luke Gallaher, Robert Millar, Bradley Rocco, and Luke Swomley



Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence Reports Its Many 2012 Successes

The institute celebrates its 20th anniversary this year

By Ginny Frizzi

Four hundred jobs created or impacted. More than \$14.4 million of increased revenue for Southwestern Pennsylvania's entrepreneurial companies. Thirty-nine start-up businesses created.

These accomplishments, detailed in the newly issued 2012 Community Impact and Benefit Report of the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, show that entrepreneurship is thriving in Southwestern Pennsylvania, with the institute leading the charge toward greater business innovation. The release of the report also marks the launch of the institute's celebration of 20 years of service to Southwestern Pennsylvania businesses.

"For two decades, the institute has been helping local businesses find the power to prosper," said Ann Dugan, the institute's founder and assistant dean in the Katz Graduate School of Business. "Entrepreneurs and dedicated family business owners are the driving force of our economy, and helping them find success benefits the entire region. It's incredibly rewarding to know that for every start-up business we help develop and every hour we spend consulting with existing closely held businesses, we're boosting profits, creating local jobs, and building a larger, healthier economic market in Southwestern Pennsylvania."

Among the other achievements highlighted in the institute's 2012 Community Impact and Benefit Report are:

- 824 businesses served;
- \$10.7 million in capital raised; and
- 56 programs and seminars offered, educating more than 1,400 business leaders.

Since its inception 20 years ago, the institute's impact on the local economy has multiplied by several hundred percent. Beginning with a federal/state grant of \$300,000, the institute has grown to \$3 million in annual revenue from varied sources.

"The institute's 20th anniversary celebrates the intersection of experience with innovation," said Dugan. "We take great



Ann Dugan

pride in our established history of helping Western Pennsylvania business leaders grow their businesses, but experience is only half the equation. We also have to be innovators and continually reinvent ourselves and our programs to address the changing problems facing local businesses."

The Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence offers local businesses a wide range of programs designed to boost business, from one-day workshops, to monthly seminars, to the yearlong Entrepreneurial Fellows Program. Institute services in addition to educational programs include family business transition planning, mentoring and coaching, internships for graduate students, networking events, peer forums, and customized business consulting in a variety of areas, including IT, new-product development, and financial and business planning.

Former Director of European Commission's Legal Service to Deliver Pitt's Feb. 18 Jean Monnet Lecture

By Diane Hernon Chavis

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union (EU) for its decades-long contributions to the advancement of peace, democracy, and human rights in Europe. During remarks delivered at the Oslo awards ceremony last December, the committee chair called for unity among the EU member states as they weather the prolonged economic instability and social unrest unleashed by Europe's debt crisis.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law Visiting Professor Richard Wainwright will discuss the economic and political problems facing the EU and examine a possible scenario for recovery during his free public lecture, "European Crisis?," at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 in Room 109 of Pitt's Barco Law Building.

Drawing from his more than 30 years of experience with the European Commission—where he served as director and head of competition policy and director for internal market issues in the Legal Service and on the staff of Transport Commissioner Stanley Clinton Davis—Wainwright will examine the EU countries' record unemployment and indebtedness, their commitment to fiscal and political union, and the possible outcomes of the

United Kingdom's intentions to change its treaty ties with the EU.

A barrister by training, Wainwright earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, from Oxford University and a law degree from London's Inns of Court School of Law. Before joining Finsbury International Policy & Regulatory Advisors as a special adviser in 2008, Wainwright drafted legislation in such diverse fields as public procurement, the environment, and the free movement of goods. He also represented the European Commission in more than 200 cases before the European Court of Justice, among them the celebrated Microsoft cases.

Wainwright's lecture is cosponsored by the Center for International Legal Education in Pitt's School of Law and the University's European Union

Center of Excellence and European Studies Center. The Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board has approved this program for one hour of substantive credit. The cost of processing the credit is \$25 per person, which is payable in advance or upon entering the program. Checks should be made payable to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. For more information, call 412-648-7023 or email cile@pitt.edu.



Richard Wainwright

Gerald Early, Noted Essayist and American Culture Scholar, Asks, "Is Black Music Criminal?" at Feb. 22 Pitt Lecture

By Sharon S. Blake

Gerald Early, a noted essayist and a leading authority on American culture, will deliver a free public lecture at noon Feb. 22 titled "Is Black Music Criminal?" The talk will be held at Pitt's Center on Race and Social Problems, School of Social Work Conference Center, 20th floor, Cathedral of Learning.

Early's lecture is part of the Reed Smith Spring 2013 Speaker Series. Registration is not required; lunch will be provided. For more information, call 412-624-7382.

Early is the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters and a professor of English and of African and Afro-American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, where he also directs the Center for the Humanities. His research on and writing about American popular culture is extensive, encompassing, among other areas, music, sports, and 19th- and 20th-century African American and American children's literature.

Early's collections of essays include *Tuxedo Junction: Essays on American Culture* (Ecco Press, 1994); *The Culture of Bruising: Essays on Prizefighting, Literature, and Modern American Culture*

(Ecco Press, 1995), which won the 1994 National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism; and *This Is Where I Came In: Essays on Black America in the 1960s* (Bison Books, 2003). Early served as a consultant and on-air commentator for several of Ken Burns' documentary films—*Jazz* (2000), *Baseball* (1994), and *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson* (2005)—all of which aired on PBS.

Early also is a prolific anthologist. His most recent edited books are *Best African American Essays 2010* and *Best African American Fiction 2010*, both part of the annual *Best African American Essays* and *Best African American Fiction* series published by Bantam Books, for which Early serves as the series editor. Other anthologies he has edited include *The Sammy Davis, Jr. Reader* (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2001) and *Miles Davis and American Culture* (Missouri History Museum Press, 2001).

The Center on Race and Social Problems' annual Reed Smith Speaker Series provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and members of the community to engage in race-related discussions of mutual interest.



Gerald Early

Varischetti Appointed and Costa Reappointed Commonwealth Trustees on Pitt Board

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Nordenberg. "Pitt clearly will benefit from his experience and expertise through his service as a Commonwealth Trustee, and we are grateful to President Pro Tempore Scarnati for making this appointment. In addition, we wish to thank Senator and outstanding Pitt alumnus Mary Jo White for her devoted service and wise counsel, which have contributed to Pitt's progress in numerous ways."

"We also are grateful for the reappointment of Senator Costa, who has demonstrated his commitment to public higher education by generously contributing his time and sharing knowledge during his years on our board and on three Pitt schools' boards of visitors, and we look forward to his continued service as a Pitt Commonwealth Trustee."

Varischetti Holdings, LP, is a family-owned-and-operated organization that consists of several different businesses, including a real estate investments operation, a powder metal manufacturing concern, a construction equipment dealership, an oil and gas field services company, and a consultation firm for the waste industry.

Varischetti is also a shareholder, director, and officer of Guardian Elder Care Holdings, Inc., a health care provider with 30 nursing facilities, a rehabilitation services business, a long-term care pharmacy, and a home health company. In addition, Varischetti is the president of Varischetti Sports, LLC, which owns a minority interest in the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Varischetti is actively involved in his community as board chair of the DuBois

Area Catholic Schools, the Brockway Schools and Community Education Foundation, and the Brockway Center for Arts & Technology. He also is a board member of the Frank Varischetti Foundation and serves on the Parish Finance Council of St. Tobias Church.

Varischetti earned his Pitt Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and psychology in 1992.

Costa began serving his fifth full term as Pennsylvania State Senator from the 43rd District last month. He was first elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in 1996 and was reelected in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012. He was first elected by his Senate colleagues in November 2010 and reelected in 2012 to serve as Senate Democratic Leader, making him the highest-ranking member within the Senate Democratic Caucus. During the 2009-10 session, Costa served as the Democratic chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He also served as Senate Democratic Caucus chair from 2005 to 2008 and is past Democratic chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Prior to serving in the Pennsylvania Senate, Costa was register of wills for Allegheny County and before that, Allegheny County's deputy sheriff.

A member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County bar associations, Costa is a former adjunct professor at the Community College of Allegheny County. He earned his law degree from Duquesne University and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"Peter Varischetti is a respected business and community leader, as well as a distinguished graduate and loyal supporter of our University. Pitt clearly will benefit from his experience and expertise through his service as a Commonwealth Trustee, and we are grateful to President Pro Tempore Scarnati for making this appointment."

—Mark A. Nordenberg

Pitt's 2013 K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program



Pitt hosted a reception and program Feb. 5 at the Senator John History Center in the Strip District to mark the University's 2013 K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program. The event called attention to the current long-term exhibition—*From Slavery to Freedom*—that opened at the History Center Nov. 30. The evening was hosted by Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg and Pitt Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Robert Hill, in association with the History Center.

1. Christopher Walker (left), an assistant professor at Slippery Rock University, and Samuel Black, Heinz History Center director of African American Programs and From Slavery to Freedom exhibition curator.
2. A case showing five slavery-related papers discovered in 2012.
3. Pitt Trustee Thomas Bigley and his wife, Joan.
4. From left, Chenits Pettigrew (EDUC '76G), assistant dean in the Pitt School of Medicine's Office of Student Affairs and Diversity Programs; Della Hale, a friend of Pitt; Doris Brevard (EDUC '52), former longtime principal of Vann Elementary School in the Hill District; and Laurence Glasco, a Pitt history professor.
5. Clyde B. Jones III, Pitt vice chancellor for health sciences development (left), and Waverly Duck, a Pitt assistant professor of sociology.
6. Pitt Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Robert Hill.
7. Chancellor Nordenberg

Pitt Day in Harrisburg 2013

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year of deep cuts, and another year of flat funding—does not mean the next fiscal year will be easy. Flat funding takes us back almost 20 years to 1995 levels of funding, in dollars unadjusted for inflation. . . ." the chancellor said.

"But we need to recognize that these are difficult times. It also is important to note that there is a different tone to the discussions this year—one that might be described as respectful of our 225 year legacy of building better lives," Nordenberg added.

Most of the volunteers began their voyage during the predawn hours when they boarded buses in Oakland for the three-and-a-half hour trip to Harrisburg. Others took personal vehicles, or arrived the evening before to attend an alumni gathering.

Once inside the Capitol, team leaders got off to a running start. They picked up information packets that were prepared for the 36 prescheduled meetings with legislators. In addition to detailed breakdowns of students and alumni living in each legislator's district, the packets contained:

- A copy of the statement released last November by the chancellor on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Postsecondary Education;
- A summary sheet of "Pitt Progress," outlining the ways Pitt has continued to improve in the face of state budget cuts;
- A background paper on the history of the Commonwealth's support for Pitt, including the cost-cutting measures the University has enacted over the years to deal with recent budget cuts and a compilation of examples of Pitt's successes despite the cuts;
- A fact sheet with Pitt highlights in education, research, and regional development; a fact sheet about Pitt health science achievements; and
- The Office of Technology Management's *OTM Impact at a Glance*, a summary of achievements in patenting and licensing Pitt inventions.

In addition to distributing the packets during the prearranged meetings, volunteers delivered similar packets to nearly every

one of the 253 Commonwealth legislators. Members of Pitt's Alumni Relations office and students from the University's Blue and Gold Society were on hand to answer questions and offer support and direction to the volunteers.

Information about Pitt lined the perimeter of the Capitol's ornate marbled rotunda, including booths representing Pitt's School of Medicine, which featured a video of a prosthetic robotic arm; the Center for Military Medicine Research; the Office of Veteran's Services; the Center for Energy; the Office of Technology Management; the Pitt Alumni Association; Pitt's regional campuses; the Keystone Club; the School of Social Work; and the Institute of Politics. Members of the Pitt Men's Glee Club, aided by Pitt Panther Mascot Roc, serenaded the volunteers during lunch.

But the main purpose of the day was for Pitt volunteers to interact with Commonwealth lawmakers.

James Becker, a professor in the Pitt School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, with secondary appointments in the Departments of Neurology and Psychology, was attending his first Pitt Day in Harrisburg. Becker, who is also vice president of the University's Faculty Senate, traveled the halls of the Capitol with a group that met with Michael Rish, the chief of staff for Rep. Frank Dermody (D-33), whose district is predominantly in Northern Allegheny County, and with Russell Miller, a budget analyst for Sen. Jake Corman (R-34), chair of the Appropriations Committee. Later that day, Becker was scheduled to meet with representative Mike Vereb (R-150).

Becker said he came to Harrisburg because "during my tenure on the Faculty Assembly and Senate Council, my world view has gotten broader, and as an officer of the Faculty Senate, this is an important responsibility."

The lawmakers "were as supportive as they could possibly be given the fiscal constraints under which they are operating," Becker said. "This is a time when people in

public service are, in fact, serving the public, and it's a huge, huge responsibility—they are responsible for millions of dollars and the welfare of thousands of people in their districts, and millions across the Commonwealth. The fact that they were able to restore funding for higher education is a big deal, and the fact that the Governor proposed a budget that recognizes the importance of higher education is important. It's a small percentage of the budget, but it's a lot of money."

Linda Perkins, a Pitt alumna (CGS '94) and a former Pitt employee, drove from her home in Washington, D.C., at the encouragement of a friend and former coworker, Pitt Student Conduct Officer Deborah Walker (CGS '01, GSPIA '03). It was the first Pitt Day in Harrisburg for Perkins, too. "The University has always been good to me as well as my daughter. I have very strong positive feelings about Pitt," she said.

Perkins and Walker's group visited with James Schultz, the first executive deputy general counsel for Gov. Tom Corbett, as well as some other government officials. "The meeting went very well. It was very open and positive," Perkins said, adding that "I tell people to take advantage of the opportunities that Pitt affords: It will change the trajectory of your life!"

Robert Beecher, a Pitt senior majoring in political science, urban studies, and philosophy, chairs the Pitt Student Government Board's (SGB) Government Relations Committee. Beecher said he is particularly interested in local politics and came to Pitt Day in Harrisburg to represent Pitt and to see, firsthand, Commonwealth government in action.

Beecher and a group of four other SGB members, including SGB President Gordon Louderback, met with Sen. Mike Fleck (R-81), who serves on the Senate Education Committee. Beecher said Fleck was friendly and well informed about Pitt's contributions to the Commonwealth; he was one of the legislators who fought to restore Pitt's funding last year. Beecher added that he was

looking forward to three more meetings he had scheduled that day, with Reps. Steve McCarter (D-54), Carl Walker Metzgar (D-69), and Sen. John Wozniak (D-35).

"It's always great to talk to legislators and find out how they balance priorities, especially when those priorities are competing for limited funds," Beecher said.

Senior political science major Tricia Dougherty, meanwhile, was trailing Sen. Timothy J. Solobay (D-46) as part of the "Legislator for a Day" program offered through Pitt's Institute of Politics. Dougherty said the senator had seven meetings that day, including one with a group of Pitt students. She added that the senator appreciated hearing how Pitt has impacted people in his region.

Shawn Ahearn (GSPIA '07), director of communications in Pitt's Office of Student Affairs, is the parent of one daughter expected to earn her degree in elementary education from Pitt-Johnstown in April and the father of another daughter who has been accepted at Pitt for this fall. Ahearn did not have a prearranged appointment with Rep. Rick Saccone (R-39), but he did deliver his business card and an information packet to Saccone's office. Shortly thereafter, Ahearn received a call from Saccone's assistant, and he was able to schedule a 20-minute, one-on-one meeting with the legislator.

Ahearn said he thanked Saccone for his past support and went on to describe Pitt's positive impact on his family—how he obtained a master's degree at Pitt while working for the University and how one of his daughters is now following her dream of becoming a teacher.

The day concluded with the reception in the rotunda, where Pitt advocates, legislators, and other visitors mingled and were thanked by Pitt Alumni Association President Jane Allred (A&S '71) and Chancellor Nordenberg. The volunteers then piled onto their buses and into their cars to return home, many of them convinced that they had made a difference—even in just one day.

Chancellor Nordenberg Names Winners of Distinguished Teaching, Research, and Public Service Awards

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award, Nordenberg cited her efforts to help her students become critical thinkers by creating several innovative teaching initiatives, including the development of an interactive website called "Representing Childhood." Grubar also works to make her class topics relevant for students, frequently introducing current news articles and examples. "As evident from your very positive student evaluations, which include discriminating comments of praise and appreciation, your commitment to teaching and creating engaging learning situations in your classroom is deeply appreciated by your students," the Chancellor wrote.



Marah Gubar



Steven Little



Brett Wells



Tia-Lynn Ashman



Bryan Norman



Regis Vollmer

Little has had a significant impact on the teaching mission of the Swanson School of Engineering's Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering. He provides valuable research opportunities in his laboratory for 10 to 15 undergraduate students, many of whom win local and national honors for their work. The lab is pursuing numerous projects, including so-called biomimetic strategies, which involve mimicking a biological interaction using a synthetic material, and the development of drug delivery systems that target certain cells. "As one of only 14 individuals nationally to be named a 2012 Camille Dreyfus Teacher Scholar and as a plenary speaker at the 2012 Beckman Scholars Symposium, your positive influence on the undergraduate learning experiences of your students is evident," Nordenberg wrote in his letter to Little.

Norman was the recipient of the Swanson School of Engineering's 2011 Teaching Award and has been selected several times as a Faculty Honor Awardee by his industrial engineering students. Nordenberg wrote in his letter to Norman that "it is evident that students recognize your excellent teaching." The Chancellor also noted Norman's use of case-study data to reflect current issues, preparing students for real-world situations. In addition, Norman received support from a department-wide National Science Foundation grant to better integrate the curriculum and to design a new course titled "Unstructured Problem Solving," which is taught by a faculty team led by Norman. "The University is proud to reward your many contributions to excellence in teaching with this award," Nordenberg added.

Vollmer has implemented several teaching initiatives in Pitt's School

of Pharmacy, including web-based videos of clinical procedures, simulation workshops in the University's Peter M. Winter Institute for Simulation Education and Research, and modules on experimental methodology that have significantly increased the efficacy of clinical learning and education within didactic lectures. Vollmer received the student-selected 2000 Teacher of the Year Award and the 1986 Hygeia Award for Teaching. "Your commitment to teaching basic physiology and pharmacology alongside patient care applications enables your students to gain the skills they will need to be caring and effective pharmacists in a variety of clinical and research practice settings," Nordenberg said in his letter to Vollmer.

Wells serves as the director of undergraduate studies in French and the study abroad advisor in French, both within the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures. His deep grasp of the French language is evidenced by his recently receiving the highest category of achievement from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages oral proficiency interview. Nordenberg, in his award-notification letter, cited Wells' successful revision of the department's business French course "so that students would be engaged in real-world activities such as writing a business plan and making professional presentations in French. Your students appreciate your teaching talents and consistently rate you as among the best faculty members at the University."

Distinguished Research Award

Ashman has made significant contributions to the field of ecology and the evolution of plant productive systems, as well as evolutionary biology. She has published in many of the world's most prestigious scientific journals, including *Science*, *Nature*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Evolution*, *Genetics*, and *American Naturalist*. In his Feb. 7 letter to Ashman, Chancellor Nordenberg wrote that one colleague said that she exemplified "the attributes one would hope to see for attaining this honor—she has an exceptional record of achievement in research and publication that is recognized internationally." Another colleague, the Chancellor wrote, described Ashman as "one of today's very best plant evolutionary biologists. It would be difficult to find three peers of her stature at her career stage nationally."

Bodnar has led interdisciplinary collaborations to examine how exposures to factors such as diet, multi-

vitamin use, iron deficiency anemia, vitamin D deficiency, obesity, and gestational weight gain relate to adverse birth outcomes. The award selection committee noted Bodnar's current research on vitamin D and maternal weight, and it also cited the "rigorous and comprehensive body of research" that Bodnar has contributed to fill gaps in knowledge about the role maternal nutrition plays in adverse pregnancy outcomes. In his letter to Bodnar announcing her award, Nordenberg cited a comment from one of Bodnar's colleagues, who wrote, "Lisa Bodnar has made exemplary research contributions and demonstrated exceptional scholarly potential. The University of Pittsburgh is very fortunate to have her on the faculty."

Eack focuses on the development of new social-work interventions in the areas of schizophrenia and autism, with an interest in how fundamental brain mechanisms in those disorders can be enhanced through social-work interventions. Nordenberg, in his award-notification letter, wrote that the award selection committee "also noted that your work shows a sophisticated command of cutting-edge designs and statistical methods relevant to the questions and hypotheses being posed, going further by calling you a rising star in social work and psychiatric research." The chancellor also quoted one of Eack's colleagues, who wrote, "In reviewing his curriculum vitae, I am, quite frankly, taken aback by Dr. Eack's productivity dating back to his pre-PhD years. Professor Eack has few peers in the field. Indeed, his CV would favorably compare with far more senior colleagues."

Savage focuses his scholarly work on public monuments within the larger theoretical context of collective memory and identity. Shortly after its publication, his first book, *Standing Soldiers, Kneeling Slaves: Race, War, and Monument in Nineteenth-Century America*, won the John Hope Franklin Prize for the best book published in American studies. That book explored themes of slavery and emancipation in the monument boom that occurred at the local, state, and national levels following the Civil War. Savage's 25 years of accomplishments led to his serving as a public historian and planning commission consultant for the National Mall, as well as being asked to lend his expertise to other public monument planning projects in the United States and Europe.

Strick is internationally recognized for his studies of the motor system of the brain.



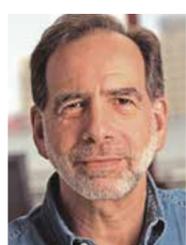
Lisa Bodnar



Shaun Eack



Kirk Savage



Peter Strick



Harry Gruener



Jeffrey Shook

He was recently elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences and has had long-standing membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The award selection committee, Nordenberg wrote in his award-notification letter, noted Strick's "extraordinary leadership skills, including your current service as codirector of the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition, codirector of the Center for Neuroscience, director of the Systems Neuroscience Institute, director of the Neuroscience Imaging Center, scientific director of the University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute, and chair of the Department of Neurobiology." The chancellor cited a comment from one of Strick's colleagues, who wrote, "I have only praise for Peter, a world leader in motor anatomy and physiology. He is an outstanding investigator and a world leader in systems neuroscience."

Distinguished Public Service Award

Gruener directs the School of Law's Family Law Clinic and has worked diligently to ensure that the clinic serves its clients and the Allegheny County Family Court system, as well as the Pitt students who offer legal services as part of a two-semester course. Nordenberg, in his letter to Gruener, praised the clinic's breadth and mission, saying "... you have structured the Family Law Clinic to serve a high volume of *pro se* litigants appearing in Family Court—individuals who would not otherwise have the benefit of the advice and aid of an attorney in personal matters of great importance to them." The chancellor added that Gruener works closely with the Family Court judges, ensuring that the clinic students' efforts are targeted most effectively.

Shook has worked extensively on issues related to juveniles in the legal system, specifically youths being tried and sentenced as adults. Shook developed his interest in the field during law school, when he served as an intern representing youths confined to a maximum-security juvenile facility, and at the American Bar Association, where he worked on issues involving the legal representation of young people in the juvenile court system. In his award letter to Shook, Nordenberg noted Shook's involvement "in a group of scholars, lawyers, and advocates that has created a network of individual and groups seeking to change juvenile sentencing policy. One of this network's most significant accomplishments has been the creation of a movement aimed at reforming sentencing policy..."

Alumni Association Names Distinguished Alumni Fellows

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Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland.

The convocation is designed to honor, in addition to Distinguished Alumni Fellows, outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional student academic achievement; student leadership; and faculty and staff accomplishments. In the latter category, the ceremony recognizes the recipients of the 2013 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award, Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award, and the Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in Service to the Community and in Service to the University.

Brief biographies of the alumni honorees follow.

When **Dischner** graduated from Pitt's School of Nursing in 1979, she and her mother, Janet Ruth Lewis Utz (NURS '47), were among the first and very few pairs of mothers and daughters to have both earned a degree from that school.

Dischner began her career as an active-duty nurse with the United States Navy, rising to become a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, tending to the health needs of military personnel, their families, and veterans.

In 1984, Dischner accepted a position as staff nurse at a community hospital in Kansas. Over the course of her nursing career—interrupted several times by calls to return to active duty, most notably during Operation Desert Storm—she took on increasingly administrative roles. Working for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, Dischner served as clinical coordinator for medical-surgical specialties and primary care, acting medical facility administrator for two large tertiary ambulatory care centers, and regional quality coordinator for Maryland and the District of Columbia. Dischner has also held the positions of nurse manager/project manager for Inphynet Physician Group at the emergency department and medical acute care clinic of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and nursing systems analyst at UPMC South Side Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Since 2001, Dischner has served as a member of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where she has held the positions of deputy director for the Office of Healthcare Transformation, clinical director of nursing for primary care, and director of clinical support in the Office of Patient Care Services. In her current role, Dischner oversees the health care needs of millions of veterans.

Dischner is a member of a number of prominent organizations, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Emergency Nurses Association, the Naval Reserve Association, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS).

Her outstanding contributions have earned Dischner many prestigious awards, including the Distinguished

Alumni Award from Pitt's School of Nursing and the Joel T. Boone Award, presented by AMSUS.

As an undergraduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, **Seddon** spent her summer breaks working as an operating room assistant, observing a number of eye surgeries.

After completing her Bachelor of Science degree from Pitt, Seddon was awarded both a Pennsylvania Senatorial Scholarship and a Henry H. Clark Medical Education Foundation Scholarship to continue her studies in Pitt's School of Medicine. After earning her Pitt MD, she went to the Harvard School of Medicine, where she obtained a Master of Science degree in epidemiology. Seddon used her training in ophthalmology and epidemiology to found and develop the Epidemiology Units for Clinical Epidemiologic Research at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Seddon's groundbreaking research has led her to discover the role that nutritional, environmental, genetic, biological, and behavioral factors play in age-related macular degeneration—the leading cause of blindness in developed nations—as well as in other diseases of the eye. Notably, Seddon has identified 10 of the 20 macular degeneration genetic variants discovered to date.

A pioneer in the field of ophthalmic epidemiology, Seddon has published extensively, presented invited talks at conferences and scientific society meetings, and is a member of many prominent professional societies, including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the American Medical Women's Association. Seddon has also held leadership positions with the Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

Seddon has received many honors for uncovering the underlying factors contributing to the loss of vision in older adults and her extraordinary contributions to the field of ophthalmic research, including the inaugural Maurice F. Rabb Jr. MD Award from Prevent Blindness America, the George N. Wise Memorial Award from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, the Senior Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Honor Award from the American Society of Retina Specialists, and the 2012 J. Donald Gass MD Beacon of Sight Award from the Florida Association of Retinal Experts.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, **Slone** worked as a groundskeeper and assembly-line worker before joining Associates First Capital Corporation as a management trainee in 1967. There Slone rose

through the corporate ranks, assuming positions of increased responsibility, among them senior executive vice president of U.S. consumer finance operations and president of consumer operations. In those roles, Slone was responsible for \$33 billion in assets and 14,000 employees, with operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Ireland, and Canada.

Slone enrolled in Pitt's College of General Studies in 1985 and continued his studies there even after being transferred to Texas, flying to Pittsburgh on the weekends to attend classes. In 1988, Slone received his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Slone and three other executives founded Touchstone in 2002 to provide offshore business process outsourcing solutions to the financial services industry, including lead generation, real estate processing, bankruptcy processing, and collections for major companies in the United States and United Kingdom.

Slone remains actively involved with a number of charitable organizations,

including H.O.P.E. Farm, Inc., which seeks to "Help Other People Excel" through after-school programs providing young boys with opportunities for enrichment and mentoring. Slone has also been a longtime volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

At Pitt, he established the Tom R. Slone Scholarship to provide financial assistance to College of General Studies students who are active in Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Slone also developed a unique program for a group of young H.O.P.E. Farm pupils: a 21-day trip to 10 baseball stadiums, a trip he chronicled in his 2011 book, *Grounders: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Journey of Baseball, History, and Mentoring*.

Slone has been honored with the American Financial Services Association Distinguished Service Award and has been named a University of Pittsburgh Legacy Laureate, one of the most prestigious honors granted to a Pitt alumnus. He is a director on Pitt's Alumni Board and a member of the University's College of General Studies Board of Visitors.

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Carnegie Mellon President Jared L. Cohon To Address Pitt's Honors Convocation, Receive Pitt Honorary Degree Feb. 22

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a professor of environmental systems analysis at Yale University. Earlier in his career, he was a member of the faculty and associate dean of the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University and also served as that university's vice provost for research. He earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and his master's and doctoral degrees, also in civil engineering, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Among many other contributions he made as CMU's president, Cohon enhanced his university's commitment to innovation and expanded its global reach. Today, CMU offers graduate degree programs in Asia, Australia, Europe, and Latin America and has an undergraduate campus in Doha, Qatar.

Cohon has served as chair of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Universities, as chair of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, and as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council. His many honors include the 2011 National Engineering Award from the American Association of Engineering Societies and the Academic Leadership Award from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He also is an elected member of both the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Cohon and Nordenberg served as the founding board chairs of a number of key technology-based economic development initiatives, including the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, the Pittsburgh Robotics Foundry, the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, and the Technology Collaborative. They were jointly honored as "Pittsburghers of the Year" by *Pittsburgh Magazine* in 2002, as Persons of Vision by Pittsburgh Vision Services in 2003, with the Keshner Award from the Edward and Rose Berman Hillel Jewish University Center in 2006, and with the Community Impact Award from the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee in 2012.

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Newsmakers

A GIFT OF AFRICAN ART



Above: Members of Pitt's African Heritage Classroom Committee gathered Feb. 6 to receive a donation of eight important African artifacts from Ralph Proctor (left), a Pitt alumnus who is a professor and the chief diversity officer at the Community College of Allegheny County. Proctor (A&S '65, '79G), a nationally recognized collector of African art, also said he will make an annual donation of African art to the African Heritage Classroom Committee in honor of Pitt history professor Laurence Glasco (right), who chaired the African Heritage Room's design committee. Inset: Pitt alumnus Rev. Maureen Cross Bolden (CGS '92), classroom committee chair, holds a Benin bronze casting of a head of a queen mother, which was Proctor's gift this year in honor of Glasco.



PITT-GREENSBURG'S SOUL FOOD DINNER AND CELEBRATION



Pitt Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey was the keynote speaker at Pitt-Greensburg's Annual Soul Food Dinner and Celebration on Feb. 6. The menu featured mashed potatoes, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, collard greens, and corn muffins. The event, held in the Wagner Dining Hall, was sponsored by Pitt-Greensburg's Student Activities Board, Student Government Association, and the President's Committee on Diversity Affairs.

MOVING ON UP



Pitt point guard Tray Woodall, a senior communication and sociology major, goes up for a basket. As of press time, the Pitt men's basketball team was ranked in the top 20 nationally and had a win-loss record of 20-5.

INTRODUCING SHERLOCK



Pitt physics professor Ralph Roskies, a founder and one of two scientific directors of the Pitt-CMU Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, welcomed guests to a Feb. 1 symposium and the unveiling of the center's newest supercomputer, Sherlock. A graph-analytics appliance, Sherlock is designed to discover unknown relationships or patterns hidden in extremely large and complex bodies of information.

Happenings



Ned Bosnick, from *The Talk of Paris, 1983-1995*. Collection of the UAG (2004.01.10) © Ned Bosnick
University Art Gallery, Capturing the Street: Garry Winogrand and Ned Bosnick, February 20-March 22

Concerts

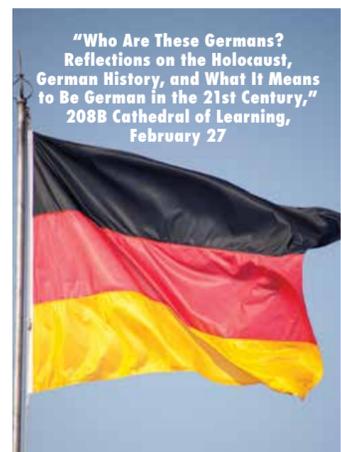
Jon Bañuelos and Friends, tradition of Flamenco captured by vocalist Barbara York and guitarists James Bond and Jon Bañuelos, Cup and Chaucer Café, Hillman Library ground floor, noon **Feb. 22**, The Emerging Legends Series, University of Pittsburgh Library System, Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society, www.calliopehouse.org

Baldwin Wallace University Motet Choir, flagship ensemble of Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music will perform works by Brahms, Britten, Lauritsen, and more, 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 27**, Heinz Memorial Chapel, www.heinzchapel.pitt.edu

Exhibitions

University Art Gallery, Capturing the Street: Garry Winogrand and Ned Bosnick, photographs of people captured in fleeting moments of everyday life, opening reception 4-6 p.m. **Feb. 20**, continues through March 22, Frick Fine Arts Building, www.haa.pitt.edu/collections/university-art-gallery. (See p. 12)

Senator John Heinz History Center, 1968: The Year That Rocked America, collection of artifacts and displays revealing how 1968 shaped our country, **through May 12**; *From Slavery to Freedom*, antislavery movement to the modern quest for civil rights, including material from Pitt-produced exhibition *Free at Last? Slavery in Pittsburgh in the 18th and 19th Centuries* that was displayed at Heinz History Center in 2008-09, **ongoing**, 1212 Smallman St., Strip District, www.heinzhistorycenter.org



"Who Are These Germans? Reflections on the Holocaust, German History, and What It Means to Be German in the 21st Century," 208B Cathedral of Learning, February 27

Carnegie Museum of Art, Inventing the Modern World: Decorative Arts at the World's Fairs, 1851-1939, **through Feb. 24**, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, www.cmoa.org

Lectures/Seminars/Readings

"We Carried Your Secrets: One Man's Experience of Resettlement in Northern Ireland," Jon McCourt, peace activist and community worker, noon **Feb. 18**, 4500 Posvar Hall, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center, Pitt Department of History, www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce

"European Crisis?" Richard Wainwright, visiting professor of law in the Center for International Legal Education (CILE), Pitt School of Law, Jean Monnet Lecture on European Union Law, 5 p.m. **Feb. 18**, 109 Barco Law Building, CILE, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center, cile@pitt.edu or 412-648-7023

"Conversations on Europe: NATO: A Hammer in Search of a Nail," Taylor Seybolt, assistant professor of international affairs in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs; Ryan Hendrickson, political science professor, Northern Illinois University; Gulnur Aybet, senior lecturer in politics and international relations, University of Kent, noon **Feb. 19**, 4217 Posvar Hall, Pitt European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center, www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce

"Gene-Environment Interaction in the 21st Century: Its Rise, Its Fall, Its Rise?" James Tabery, assistant professor of philosophy, University of Utah, 12:05 p.m. **Feb. 19**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt's Center for Philosophy of Science, Lunchtime Talks, 412-624-1052, pittcentr@pitt.edu, http://www.pitt.edu/~pittcentr

"Russell Meets Woodward—Three Objections to the Open Systems Argument," Alexander Reutlinger, Pitt visiting fellow, University of Cologne, 12:05 p.m. **Feb. 19**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt's Center for Philosophy of Science, Lunchtime Talks, 412-624-1052, pittcentr@pitt.edu, http://www.pitt.edu/~pittcentr

"Overcoming Copyright Obstacles to Creating Digital Libraries," Pamela Samuelson, Richard M. Sherman Distinguished Professor of Law and Information, University of California at Berkeley, 2:30 p.m. **Feb. 19**, Sara Fine Institute Lecture Series, Teplitz Memorial Moot Courtroom in the Pitt School of Law, Pitt School of Information Sciences, Pitt School of Law, www.sis.pitt.edu

"The Birth of the Modern Expert Witness in Early Twentieth-Century China," Daniel Asen, Pitt visiting assistant professor of history, noon **Feb. 20**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Asia Over Lunch Lecture Series, Pitt's Asian Studies Center, www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc

"New Security Concerns in the Eastern Mediterranean," Marina Skordeli, director of Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence, University of Athens, noon **Feb. 21**, 4217 Posvar Hall, Pitt's European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center, www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce

"Interaction Between Genetics and Blood Flow in Development of Arteriovenous Malformations," Beth L. Roman, Pitt assistant professor, Department of Biological Sciences, noon **Feb. 22**, A115 Crabtree Hall, Pitt Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Human Genetics Spring Seminar Series, www.publichealth.pitt.edu

"Is Black Music Criminal?" Gerald Early, Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters, professor of English and of African and Afro-American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, noon **Feb. 22**, School of Social Work Conference Center, 20th floor, Cathedral of Learning, Pitt's Center on Race and Social Problems, 412-624-7382, www.crsp.pitt.edu

"Planning for Justice: Race, Urban Policy, and the Legacies of the 1960s," Thomas J. Sugrue, professor of history and sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 12:30 p.m. **Feb. 26**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt's Jewish Studies Program, Pitt Departments of History and Sociology, www.jewishstudies.pitt.edu

"Jews, Race, and the Twentieth-Century American City," Thomas J. Sugrue, professor of history and sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 7 p.m. **Feb. 26**, August Wilson Center, 980 Liberty Avenue, Downtown, Pitt's Jewish Studies Program, Squirrel Hill Project lecture series, www.jewishstudies.pitt.edu

"Who Are These Germans? Reflections on the Holocaust, German History, and What It Means to Be German in the 21st Century," Susanne Ortner-Roberts, clarinetist and adjunct professor of music at Washington and Jefferson College, and Fritz Ottenheimer, German native who with his family escaped the Holocaust, 5 p.m. **Feb. 27**, 208B Cathedral of Learning, Pitt's Department of German, www.german.pitt.edu

"Civil War in the British Empire: America's Violent Birth," Holger Hoock, J. Carroll Amundson Professor of British History, Pitt's Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 4 p.m. **Feb. 28**, 2500

Jon Bañuelos and Friends, Cup and Chaucer Café, February 22



Posvar Hall, Provost's Inaugural Lecture Series, www.provost.pitt.edu

"Global Human Genomic Disparities—A Focus on African Diversity," Vanessa Hayes, professor of genomic medicine, J. Craig Venter Institute, San Diego, noon **March 1**, A115 Crabtree Hall, Pitt Graduate School of Public Health, www.publichealth.pitt.edu

Miscellaneous

Anime Film Series, screening of *Memories*, which includes three science fiction stories, 7 p.m. **Feb. 18**, Frick Fine Arts Building auditorium, www.ucis.pitt.edu

Book signing by Marina von Neumann Whitman, author of *The Martian's Daughter: A Memoir*, also a question-and-answer session, 4 p.m. **Feb. 20**, Dick Thornburgh Room, Hillman Library first floor, Pitt Department of Economics, Pitt University Library System, 412-780-5264, nwatson@pitt.edu

"Developing a Successful NRSA Fellowship Application," Satarshan (Paul) Singh Monga, Endowed Research Chair in Experimental Pathology in McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and Nick Giannoukakis, professor of pathology in Pitt School of Medicine, 3 p.m. **Feb. 26**, S120 Starzl Biomedical Science Tower, Office of Academic Career Development, Post-doctoral Professionalism Series, 412-648-8486, www.oacd.health.pitt.edu

Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

Alejandra Boza, Dietrich School's Department of History, "Negotiating Indigenous Autonomy: Politics, Land, and Religion in Tierradentro (Colombia), 1905-1950," 10 a.m. **Feb. 20**, 2703 Posvar Hall.

Daniel Addison, Dietrich School's Department of Philosophy, "Hegel's Critique of Kant's Standpoint of Intuition," 11 a.m. **Feb. 20**, 314 Cathedral of Learning.

Thomas H. Pondergast, Dietrich School's Department of Biological Sciences, "Explaining Patterns of Dominance in Old-Field Communities: Tradeoffs, Feedbacks, Mutualisms, and Enemies," 9 a.m. **Feb. 28**, A219B Langley Hall.

Kimberly Rak, Dietrich School's Department of Anthropology, "Seeing Green: Gendered Relationship Expectations and Sexual Risk Among Impoverished Adolescents in Braddock, Pa.," 2:30 p.m. **Feb. 28**, 3106 Posvar Hall.

Aaron B. Stoler, Dietrich School's Department of Biological Sciences, "After the Fall: How Changes in Temperate Forests Alter Wetland Communities," 1:30 p.m. **March 1**, A219B Langley Hall.

Baldwin Wallace University Motet Choir, Heinz Chapel, February 27





Exhibition Featuring Two Views of Street Photography To Open at Pitt's University Art Gallery Feb. 20



Garry Winogrand, New York City, New York, 1969. Collection of the UAG (1984.6.1) © The Estate of Garry Winogrand

By Sharon S. Blake

A new exhibition featuring photographs of people captured in fleeting moments of everyday life will open Feb. 20 at the University Art Gallery, located in Pitt's Frick Fine Arts Building.

Following a 4-6 p.m. opening reception on Wednesday, Feb. 20, *Capturing the Street: Garry Winogrand and Ned Bosnick* will run from Feb. 21 through March 22, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandra Oliver, an art history PhD candidate specializing in photography, will conduct a free guided tour of the exhibition at noon on March 21. The gallery is closed

during Pitt's Spring Recess, March 11-15.

Gallery curator Isabelle Chartier says *Capturing the Street* comprises two views of street photography by Winogrand (1928-1984) and Bosnick (1937-2011). Winogrand surprised people on the streets, taking photographs of them unexpectedly. Bosnick worked surreptitiously, keeping a physical distance from his subjects, who were unaware they were being caught on film. Both photographers were witty observers of urban spontaneity.

The exhibition features 15 photographs from Winogrand's series *Women are better*

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than men. Not only have they survived but they do prevail and 39 images from Bosnick's series *The Talk of Paris*.

About Garry Winogrand

A street photographer known for his portrayal of America in the mid-20th century, Winogrand was considered a central photographer of his generation. He roamed the streets of New York City, shooting his subjects with a 35 mm Leica camera equipped with a wide-angle lens. From the beggar to the secretary, the policeman to the shopper, people captured in Winogrand's photos define American urban history.

About Ned Bosnick

Born just east of Pittsburgh in Universal, Pa., Bosnick bought his first camera upon graduation from Penn Hills High School. He earned a master's degree in cinema from UCLA in 1965 and wrote and directed a few films, all the while developing a growing interest in still photography. From 1982 to 1995, he photographed extensively in Texas and in Paris, using his background in composition, lighting, and cinematography. Bosnick died in Houston in 2011.

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