Marc L. Harding Named University of Pittsburgh’s Chief Enrollment Officer

Marc L. Harding has been named the University of Pittsburgh’s Chief Enrollment Officer, effective July 15, 2012, Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson announced. In that position, Harding, known as one of the nation’s leading enrollment specialists, will lead Pitt’s Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and be responsible for attracting and retaining highly talented, diverse classes of students. Harding will succeed Betsy Porter, who is retiring June 30 after achieving years of record enrollments for the University in her role as director of Admissions and Financial Aid since 1986.

Harding’s responsibilities at Pitt will include enrollment planning and policy, student financial aid, the PittStart summer orientation for new students, and undergraduate admissions. He also will hold a University-wide leadership position as a member of the Council of Deans.

“I am delighted that Marc Harding has agreed to serve as Chief Enrollment Officer and have great confidence that his dedication to undergraduate students and commitment to excellence will serve us well in his new role,” said Beeson in making the June 15 announcement of Harding’s appointment. “I very much look forward to working with him and believe that, under his leadership, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid will continue to thrive.”

With nearly 30 years of higher education admissions experience at four major public universities, Harding comes to Pitt from Iowa State University, where he has served as assistant vice president for enrollment and director of admissions since January 2011. Harding joined Iowa State’s admissions department in 1997 as director of admissions and was promoted to director of admissions and enrollment services in 2003.

Harding has successfully led enrollment efforts at Iowa State during an unprecedented period of expansion and advancement of undergraduate programs at that university. Since 2006, his efforts have resulted in a 50 percent increase in applications, a nearly 30 percent increase in freshman enrollment, increased geographic and ethnic diversity, and a continued commitment to meet the high levels of achievement expected for admission to a major research university.

“Mr. Harding’s vision for the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is well matched to our overall vision for the University of Pittsburgh,” Beeson commented. “He is committed to recruiting and retaining a talented and diverse population of students who are poised to take advantage of all the University has to offer. I am confident that his student-centered approach, passion for working with people, and emphasis on service and innovative thinking among his colleagues will help him advance these goals within the culture of the University community.”

Harding has held leadership positions in the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and regularly makes presentations at national meetings on topics including the recruitment of high-ability students, multicultural student recruitment, staff training and development, and the use of technology in recruitment and admissions.

Prior to working for Iowa State, Harding held positions in the admissions department of the Universities of South Florida, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Harding earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies, with minors in psychology and Chinese, from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1985, and his Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies degree from Iowa State in 2004. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Iowa State in the field of educational leadership and policy studies.
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Pitt Board Nominating Committee Advances Three Additional Trustee Candidates, Two New Vicars

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(ENG’83), senior vice president of finance and CFO, Polo Ralph Lauren, New York City. “We are extremely fortunate that these distinguished professionals—who possess unique skills, talents, experience, and expertise—are willing to serve the University of Pittsburgh in so many important and meaningful ways,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg. “Clearly, we have benefited from their insights and contributions in the past, will benefit from their wisdom and insights during these especially challenging times, and look forward to working closely with them as we extend Pitt’s reach and the impact of its mission of progress, achievement, and impact.”

The full board of trustees will act on the nominations at its June 22 annual meeting.

Biographical information on the new candidates appears in the Nominating Committee follow-up report.

In his role as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., David C. Chavern oversees a variety of the Chamber’s Management Committee. He is responsible for day-to-day operations as well as strategic planning, including responsibility for a range of policy, financial, administrative, and legal operations. He also oversees several revenue operations, including corporate partnerships and small business outreach and membership.

Meanwhile, he is deeply involved in the Chamber’s innovative push into social media. Chavern is also founder and president of the Chamber’s Center for Women in Business, whose objective is to increase opportunities for women at all levels of business.

Previously, Chavern served as the Chamber’s chief of staff and vice president of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, where he was in private legal practice in Philadelphia.

Chavern is a member of the board of directors of AEGON U.S. Holdings Corporation and its U.S. Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank, where he served in several senior positions at the U.S. Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank, where he served as the bank’s head of the board of directors of Forest Laboratories and the Overbrook Foundation. He is also a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Upstate Regional Advisory Board.

As a Pitt undergraduate, Saunders graduated from Temple University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Pitt, Blum began his career as an attorney in the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce and then, in 1986, served as the bank’s chief legal officer. She became PNC’s vice president in 1986 and was elected senior vice president and chief regulatory counsel in 1990. In 1996, she was named senior vice president and deputy general counsel director of Regulatory Affairs for PNC and, since 2003, she has served as senior vice president and director, Comprehensive Risk Management and Compliance. She was named to her current position in July 2002.

Blum is a member of both the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County bar associations and serves on the board of directors of the Business Civic Leadership Center.

Active in her alma mater, Blum, who received the Pitt Volunteer of the Year award in 1999, is a member of the Pitt Board of Trustees’ Executive and Institutional Advancement committees, and, in 2002, received the Student Alumni Association’s Alumnae Award. She also served as director of the Carlow College Association’s Alumnae Council and was a member of the Pitt School of Law Board of Visitors.

O’Brien joined Duquesne Light in 1991, holding several senior executive positions before becoming CEO. Prior to his tenure at Duquesne, he served in various management positions at PNC Bank and major accounting firms. Since his return to Peoples Natural Gas in 2002, O’Brien has reestablished the 125-year-old company in Western Pennsylvania. He has brought more than 250 new jobs to the region and created a Customer Service Center in Pittsburgh. In addition, he has orchestrated the largest infrastructure improvement and modernization project in the company’s history. More than $100 million has been invested to ensure the continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to customers.

As a Pitt native, O’Brien earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and minor in economics at Robert Morris University (RMU). On the Pitt Board, he chairs the Audit Committee and is a member of the Executive, Compensation, and Conflicts of Interest committees. He serves on many boards in addition to those of RMU, the Pennsylvania Energy Association, The United Way of Allehgeny County, National Alliance on Community Development, Pittsburgh Opera, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society—Western Pennsylvania & West Virginia Chapter.
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By B. Rose Huber

Early human activity has left a greater footprint on today's ecosystem than previously thought, say researchers working at the Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network, created by the National Science Foundation to conduct long time scale research on ecological issues that span huge geographical areas. Highlighted in the sidebar, research and decision makers at the LTER collaboration shows how historic human actions caused changes in nature that continue to reverberate throughout present-day ecological systems.

In the article, researchers take a retrospective look at the impact of human activity on LTER Network sites spanning multiple states from Georgia to New Hampshire and propose methods for measuring the effects of such activity. The study of legacy effects is important because it provides insights into how today's actions can affect tomorrow's ecological systems, say Daniel Bain, coprincipal investigator at the University of Georgia's Georgia LTER Network site and an active alumnus, Vartabedian also serves as chair of Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania's Keystone Pitt Club. As an Alumni Association member, Ketchen says, he enjoys alumni organization, governance, student recruitment, scholarship selection, and legislative advocacy.

After completing a residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University's health center, Bain and Smith were in private practice until 2007, when he joined the Exceda Health System, whose Orthopedics and Sports Medicine division he now serves as director. In addition, he served as team physician for Greensburg Salem High School's athletic program for nearly 32 years.

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Pitt's beloved canine cop, Officer Riggs, and Roc, the Pitt Panther mascot, are serving as honorary cochairs of the University’s second annual Pitt’s People for Pets food drive, which runs through the end of July. (Also pictured above is Riggs’ human police partner, Officer David Nanz.)

The Pitt community is invited to donate pet food, cat litter, and other pet products at nine drop-off sites on campus or by visiting www.ThinkingOutsideTheCage.org and clicking on the link to Pitt’s People for Pets. During these tough economic times, pet owners go hungry themselves in order to provide for their pets. Last year, the University community donated more than 4,000 pounds of pet food and nearly $2,000 in online cash donations to Pitt’s People for Pets. Animal Friends’ Chow Wagon program uses the donations to provide pet food to area food banks, thereby ensuring that pet owners can care for their pets instead of surrendering them to shelters.

Drop-off sites include Pitt’s People for Pets collection bins in the Cathedral of Learning’s ground-floor elevator lobby; the William Pitt Union’s main-floor information desk; Scibla Hall’s fourth-floor, Terrace Street entrance; Craig Hall’s main lobby; Hillman Library’s ground-floor lobby; all Pittsburgh campus University Library System libraries; the Petersen Events Center’s second-floor mezzanine; the Public Safety Building’s Fifth Avenue auditorium lobby; and Alumni Hall’s main lobby, near the Lytton Avenue entrance.

Assisting Riggs and Roc with the drive are Pitt’s Office of Community Relations, Departments of Athletics and Public Safety, University Library System, Office of the Chancellor, and Division of Student Affairs.

For additional information, contact Tamara Hirth, Office of Community Relations, at 412-624-7708.

Pitt’s Heinz Chapel Choir traveled to Peru in May and performed five concerts in Lima, Arequipa, and Cusco. Forty-seven singers accompanied choir director John Goldsmith (third row, far right) on the May 1-14 tour, which included a stop at the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu, pictured in the background. Goldsmith says he and his choir members, who travel abroad every three years, learned about the history, music, and cultures of the pre-Incan, Incan, and contemporary Peruvian peoples: “Traveling as a musical group with the common purpose of making meaningful, beautiful music for foreign ears made each day more satisfying,” he said. “Experiences such as these are life-changing events for our students.”

Elyna Arrington, a senior lecturer in algebra in Pitt’s Department of Mathematics who, in 1961, became the first Black female graduate of the University’s Swanson School of Engineering, celebrated her retirement with colleagues during a gathering on April 27 in Thackeray Hall. After earning her Pitt bachelor’s degree in aeronautical engineering, Arrington worked as an aerospace engineer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base from 1962 to 1970. She joined the Pitt faculty in 1974 after earning her master’s and doctoral degrees in mathematics from the University of Dayton and the University of Cincinnati, respectively. Arrington said she views her retirement “as just another phase of my journey . . . I believe that I will enjoy it and learn from it, just as I have the other phases.” Above, Arrington stands with Ivan Tatar, chair of the Department of Mathematics in Pitt’s Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.
A Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business course has been awarded a Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Course Program. Katz and Pitt Online, which offers graduate and professional programs online, launched Management Essentials Online in August 2011. The 11-week online program focuses on business ethics, financial accounting, marketing, leadership, and communication. The creation of an online option reflected the need to accommodate the schedules of business professionals enrolled in Katz. The award, which honors course creators who design and develop innovative courses representing the best in technology and learning, will be presented during BbWorld®, Blackboard’s annual user conference, to be held in July in New Orleans, La.

Piervincenzo Rizzo, an assistant professor of structural engineering and mechanics in the Swanson School of Engineering’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been named the recipient of the 2012 Achenbach Medal. Presented by the International Workshop on Structural Health Monitoring (IWSHM), the Achenbach Medal recognizes a young investigator within 10 years of his/her PhD for making an outstanding research contribution in the field of structural health monitoring. IWSHM will officially announce the award next month.

Nathaniel Rosi, an assistant professor of chemistry in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, has been named a 2012 National Academy of Sciences Kavli Fellow. Rosi was selected for being a “young researcher who has made recognized contributions to science.” Rosi and his lab develop strategies for the design and synthesis of new materials and apply those strategies to address modern-day issues in materials chemistry and nanoscience with a focus on alternative energy applications. As one of the 25 Kavli Fellows, Rosi will participate in the German-American Frontiers of Science Symposium in Potsdam, Germany, this fall.

Sarah Ross, an assistant professor in the Pitt School of Medicine’s Department of Neurobiology, has been named a 2012 Rita Allen Foundation Scholar and will receive a five-year grant of as much as $110,000 annually. Ross was chosen owing to her research regarding the neural circuits of pain. Her lab dissectes the neural circuits underlying pain and itch and investigates how the nervous system senses the world (using pain and itch as sensory experiments). Rita Allen Foundation Scholars are nominated by research institutions in the United States and are then selected by a Scientific Advisory Committee comprising leading scientists and clinicians.

Eight Pitt graduate students received the 2011-12 Elizabeth Barranger Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to acknowledge and promote outstanding teaching by Pitt graduate students. It was named in honor of former Pitt vice provost for graduate studies and professor emeritus of physics Elizabeth Barranger. Standing, from left, are award winners (named together with their fields of study) Kimberly Crisopa (sociology and women’s studies), Carine Gygdkich (sociology), Lauren Collister (linguistics), Christopher Jones (mathematics), Molly Nichols (English), and Jennifer Ruan (philosophy); seated, from left, are award winners Michael Mueller (theater arts) and George Reidl (biological sciences). The award, sponsored by Pitt’s Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization, carries a cash prize of $250 and helps graduate students prepare professionally for teaching careers. The group was honored April 13 during a reception at Luca Ristorante in Oakland.

**WALLACE WINS 2012 ACTIVIST SCHOLAR AWARD**

John M. Wallace, the Philip Hallen Chair in Community Health and Social Justice at Pitt, received the 2012 UAA-SAGE Marilyn J. Sritam Activist Scholar Award during the Urban Affairs Association’s (UAA) national conference in Pittsburgh, April 18-21. Above, Wallace accepts the award from UAA Executive Director Magaret Wilder on April 20 in the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Hotel.

Wallace delivered a plenary address titled “Using Research to Catalyze Community Change: Lessons Being Learned From the Homewood Children’s Village.” Wallace helped establish the Homewood Children’s Village in 2009 as a comprehensive community initiative aimed at improving the educational, health, and social well-being of Homewood’s youngest and reweaving the fabric of their community. It was inspired by Geoffrey Canada’s internationally acclaimed Harlem Children’s Zone, which serves more than 10,000 children in a 100-block area of central Harlem.

The conference drew urban scholars, educators, and social workers from across the United States, Canada, Europe, and elsewhere. Pitt’s Sabine Dietrich and David Miller were cochairs of the conference’s local host committee. Dietrich, a member of the UAA governing board, is a professor in Pitt’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPiA); and also codirector of the Urban and Regional Analysis research program in Pitt’s University Center for Social and Urban Research. Miller is a professor and director of the Center for Metropolitan Studies in GSPiA.
Pitt Students Receive National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
By Patricia Lomando White

University of Pittsburgh graduating seniors and current graduate students have been named recipients of National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships through the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP); the six fellowship awards go to three new Pitt graduates and three students who are pursuing graduate studies at Pitt.

Fellowships are:

- support outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees in the United States.
- provide a three-year annual stipend of $30,000 along with a $10,500 cost-of-education allowance for tuition and fees, international research and professional development opportunities, and the freedom to conduct research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education.

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Pitt graduating seniors receiving fellowships are:

- Daphne Henry, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a bioengineering major, who today receives a Bachelor of Science degree and will pursue a PhD at Yale University in biomedical engineering; and
- Alice Lai, of Bellevue, Wash., a computer science and Japanese double major with a certificate in Asian studies, who today earns a Bachelor of Science degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree and who will pursue a PhD at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign studying computer science.

Pitt graduate students receiving fellowships are:

- Dwayne Carter, of Johnstown, Pa., an electrical engineering major, who today receives a Bachelor of Science degree and will pursue a PhD at Duke University studying signals processing.
- J. Ryan Petruelli, of South Park, Pa., a bioengineering major, who today receives a Bachelor of Science degree and will pursue a PhD at Yale University in biomedical engineering; and
- Nicole Ostrowski, of Warren, Pa., who earned her BS in biochemistry from Clarion University and is a second-year PhD student in bioengineering in Pitt’s Swanson School, conducting research in the field of urogynecology, focusing on female pelvic health-related conditions such as pelvic organ prolapse and preterm labor, and
- Nicole Ostrowski, of Warren, Pa., who earned her BS in materials science and engineering with a certificate in nuclear engineering from Pitt’s Swanson School, conducting research in the field of urogynecology, focusing on female pelvic health-related conditions such as pelvic organ prolapse and preterm labor, and
- Derek Angus, a third-year PhD student in bioengineering, also at the Swanson School, conducting research focused on the social value and needs of people with chronic diseases.

As the oldest graduate fellowship program of its kind, the GRFP has a long history of selecting recipients who achieve high levels of success in their future academic and professional careers. The prestige and funding that the GRFP fellowships support help recipients to become lifelong leaders who contribute significantly to both scientific innovation and teaching.

August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Josh Gibson: Negro League Legend. Featuring a 180-year timeline and photographic record of the life of Negro League baseball player Josh Gibson and his lasting legacy, through June 20; Strength of the Struggle: Civil Rights, 1940s-1960s, including two distinct displays with text, photography, memorabilia, and film related to the civil rights movement and women’s movement in Pittsburgh and the nation (from 1967 to 1987), through June 30; H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Company, which operated in Syracuse, N.Y., from 1902 to 1974, through Sept. 16; 7277 Reynolds St., 412-371-0080, www.thefrickpittsburgh.org.


The Frick Art and Historical Center, Three Centuries of Printmaking: exhibition built around Frick’s renowned collection of 18th-century mezzotints and 19th-century chromolithographs, through Sept. 2; Riding and Gliding with the Air-Cooler: display of a 1932 Franklin Series 16A Convertible Coupe automobile in the Frick’s Car and Carriage Museum, highlighting the unique history of the H.H. Franklin Manufacturing Company, which operated in Syracuse, N.Y., from 1902 to 1934, through Sept. 16; 7277 Reynolds St., 412-371-0080, www.thefrickpittsburgh.org.

Lectures/Seminars/Readings


“Seven Transmembrane Receptors,” Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., Director, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Duke University, through Sept. 16; lecture room 6, Scaife Hall, 2012 Senior Vice Chancellor’s Lecture Series; www.ssc-lrc.asu.edu.

“Skeletal Tissue Engineering and Regeneration,” Adult Stem Cells, Nonfibrous Scaffold and Biological Regulation,” Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania,通过 Sept. 16; lecture room 6, Scaife Hall, Provost Inaugural Lecture Series; www.pittprovost.org.

“Caring for the Critically Ill in the 21st Century,” Derrick Ang, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 通过 Sept. 16; lecture room 6, Scaife Hall, Provost Inaugural Lecture Series; www.pittprovost.org.

“Novel Mechanisms of Cytokine Signaling,” Mittal Chughman, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology, through Sept. 16; lecture room 6, Scaife Hall, Provost Inaugural Lecture Series; www.pittprovost.org.

Concerts


Daphne Henry, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who earned her BA in history from Pitt’s Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and is a first-year PhD student in developmental psychology at Pitt’s Dietrich School, investigating the influence of contextual factors on the size and trajectory of the racial achievement gap among Black and White students of the same social class/socioeconomic status level;

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Deborah Walker (center), Pitt’s student conduct officer and the University’s Staff Association Council president, was commissioned as a member of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. East End District Magistrate Judge Hugh F. McGough (LAW ’92) administered the oath of office during a June 4 ceremony in Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg’s office. From left are Chancellor Nordenberg, Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson; Walker; Pitt Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy W. Humphrey; and McGough.

Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg received the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee’s (PAJC) 2012 Community Impact Award, which recognizes a person’s professional achievements and contributions to Pittsburgh and its economy. Carnegie Mellon University President Jared L. Cohon was also honored with the Community Impact Award during the May 31 PAJC award dinner, which was held at the Fairmont Hotel, Downtown. Nordenberg and Cohon, who have worked cooperatively for years to enable their institutions to drive economic growth in southwestern Pennsylvania, lauded one another during their acceptance speeches. Above, Chancellor Nordenberg stands with Pitt Trustee Eva Tansky Blum (A&S ’70, LAW ’73), cochair of the May 31 PAJC event and cochair of Pitt’s $2 billion Building Our Future Together capital campaign. Blum is senior vice president and director of community affairs for PNC Bank and president of The PNC Foundation.