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President Gutmann and Penn Faculty Participate in Summit on the Global Agenda in Dubai

Dr. Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania, was among world leaders participating in the *Summit on the Global Agenda*, a project of the World Economic Forum.

The inaugural Summit, held November 7-9 in Dubai, was a gathering of the world's most influential thinkers, including leaders from academia, business, government and society. Its purpose was to advance solutions to the most critical challenges facing humanity.

Dr. Tukufu Zuberi of the School of Arts and Sciences and President Gutmann co-chaired the *Council on Human Equality and Respect*, on which Dr. Thomas Sugrue of SAS also serves.

Other Penn faculty who attended the Summit in Dubai and served on Councils were Dr. Michael Useem, Dr. Howard Kunreuther and Dr. Erwann Michel-Kerjan, all of the Wharton School, *Mitigation of National Disasters*; Dean Thomas Robertson of Wharton, *Marketing and*

Branding; Dr. Harvey Rubin of the School of Medicine, *Pandemics*; Dr. Christopher Murray of SAS and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, *Challenges of Nanotechnology*; and Joseph Gyourko of Wharton, *Future of Real Estate*.

Additional Penn faculty who are members of Councils are Dr. Jere Behrman of SAS, *Demographic Shifts*; Dr. John Jackson Jr. of SAS and the Annenberg School for Communication and Dr. Eve Troutt Powell of SAS, *Human Equality and Respect*; Dr. Eugenie Birch of the School of Design, *Urban Management*; and Monroe Price of Annenberg, *Future of Media*.

The work of the Councils, which will continue to meet throughout the year, will be taken forward to the Forum's 2009 Annual Meeting, in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland January 28-February 1 under the theme, *Shaping the Post-Crisis World*.

\$2.7 Million NIH Grant for Neuroscience: Javits Award



Michael Nusbaum

Dr. Michael P. Nusbaum, professor of neuroscience at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, will receive more than \$2.7 million over the next seven years from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) to understand how a fundamental aspect of molecular signaling in the nervous system,

called neuromodulation, modifies sensory-motor integration to enable a single neural network to generate the appropriate coordinated movement in different contexts.

The specific grant is the Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award. The grant was established to honor the late Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY), who suffered for several years from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease, and was a strong advocate of brain and nervous system research. The Javits Award is given to scientists selected by a national NINDS advisory council from a pool of mainstream National Institutes of Health grant applicants within a given funding cycle. The award is given to distinguished investigators who have a record of "cutting edge" neuroscience research and can be expected to be highly productive for the next seven years of the award.

"The Javits Award will enable my lab to achieve a more in-depth understanding of the impact of neuromodulation on motor network operation, and to extend this work in novel directions," said Dr. Nusbaum.

Dr. Nusbaum studies how a group of neurons, or a neural network, governs coordinated muscle movements. Specifically, he studies this process in the nervous system of the crab *Cancer borealis* to completely identify a neural network underlying one type of behavior, in this case, chewing.

"This small system is unusually well-characterized at a cellular level, and over the past 30 years considerable research has shown that this crab chewing network operates on the same general principles as comparable networks in the mammalian CNS," said Dr. Nusbaum. "Our hope is that this basic research will help us better understand problems in sensory-motor circuits, and what to target for repair when motor dysfunction occurs as it does after a stroke or spinal cord injury."

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Pullout: December AT PENN



South Street Bridge Closing: December 8

The City of Philadelphia's Streets Department officials have announced that on Monday, December 8, 2008 the South Street Bridge (in the foreground, spanning the Schuylkill River above) will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The demolition and rebuilding of the bridge requires complete closure of the structure between Convention Avenue and 27th Street, including the on- and off-ramps connecting South Street and I-76. Be prepared for significant vehicular congestion throughout University City, as well as periodic traffic and parking changes in the vicinity of campus for the duration of this 24-month project.

For those who commute via SEPTA and utilize the University City Station, the station will remain open and accessible during the South Street Bridge reconstruction project. The station exit at South Street will be closed, requiring passengers to utilize the station exit at Convention Avenue. The University of Pennsylvania has not been in-

formed by SEPTA of any service changes.

A special shuttle/bus service will be in place to provide access to the Hollenback Center and the sports fields to the southeast from the time of the South Street Bridge closure until the installation of the Weave Bridge, a new pedestrian connection designed to cross over the existing Amtrak rail lines, can be completed.

As additional information about the South Street Bridge project and its impact on the Penn community becomes available, it will be posted on Penn's South Street Bridge website (www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/ssbridge/). The site also provides resources for anyone traveling to campus, by car, bike, public transportation or on foot.

More information on the City's plans can be viewed by visiting their official website at: <http://potholes.phila.gov/southstreetbridge>.

Questions about commuting to campus during the South Street Bridge reconstruction project, should be sent to: ssbridge@exchange.upenn.edu.

The following agenda is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Any member of the standing faculty may attend SEC meetings and observe. Questions may be directed to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by e-mail at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda

Room 205 College Hall
Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 3–5 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of November 12, 2008 (2 minutes)
2. Chair's Report (3 minutes)
3. Past-Chair's Report on Academic Planning and Budget & Capital Council (3 minutes)
4. Ballot: Selection of 6 faculty members to serve on the ad hoc consultative committee in the selection of a new Provost (5 minutes)
5. President Amy Gutmann:
Updates on the University (45 minutes)
6. Admissions Landscape (45 minutes)
Presentation by Eric Furda, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Quenby Jackson Mott, Vice Dean and Director of Undergraduate Admissions
7. New Business

Deaths

Memorial Service: Dr. Finkel

A memorial service for Dr. Leif Finkel, professor of bioengineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science, will be held on Tuesday, December 2, in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall at 4 p.m. The service is open to all. Dr. Finkel died on October 7, 2008 at 54 years of age after a long illness (*Almanac* October 14, 2008).

Ms. Suringar, Arts and Sciences

Madeleine Suringar (formerly Klausner), former business administrator in the School of Arts and Sciences, passed away October 19 at age 79.

Ms. Suringar worked at the University in various capacities in the 1970s and early 1980s, including as a business administrator in the math department, an administrator at CGS (now LPS), as well as in the development office both for the University and the School of Nursing. She was also very involved in setting up art shows at the Faculty Club (now the University Club).

She immigrated from the Netherlands where she had earned her degree in law from the University of Leiden.

Ms. Suringar is survived by her former husband, Dr. Samuel Klausner, professor emeritus of sociology; children, Daphne Klausner, CGS'87 GPU'93 and Tamar Klausner Klein, CGS'96; and three grandchildren.

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former faculty and staff members, students, and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or e-mail almanac@upenn.edu.

Dr. Vito, Dental



Anthony Vito

and had also served as associate dean for clinical affairs from 1970 to 1980. He retired in 1996 but continued working at the University.

Born in Philadelphia, Dr. Vito attended St. Joseph's College and then earned degrees from Penn's Dental School, D'53 GD'66. He served in World War II in the Army Infantry in Europe and was awarded a Purple Heart for his service.

Dr. Vito is survived by his wife, Alexandra MacDonald; daughters, Cynthia Manning, Mary Hicks and Linda Reilly; sons, James D'84 GD'87 GD'90, Robert and Kenneth; and grandchildren, Jackie and Tommie Manning; Jonathan, Christopher, and Alex Hicks; Philip, Stephanie, Kayla, and Colleen Reilly; Julia Vito; Allee and Matthew Vito; and his sister, Theresa Filips.

Contributions may be made to the Department of Periodontics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, 240 S. 40th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Sherrill L. Adams, Chair
RE: Senate Nominating Committee

1. In accordance with the requirements of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, notice is given to the Senate Membership of the Senate Executive Committee's nine-member slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee for 2009. The Nominating Committee nominates candidates for election to the Offices of the Faculty Senate, to the at-large and assistant professor positions on the Senate Executive Committee, and to the Senate Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, and the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility. The nine nominees, all of whom have agreed to serve, are:

Clifford Deutschman (SOM/Anesthesia)
Vivian Gadsden (GSE)
Roberta Iverson (Social Policy & Practice)
Madeleine Joullie (SAS/Chemistry)
Grace Kao (SAS/Sociology)
Serena Mayeri (Law)
Holly Pittman (SAS/History of Art)
Dan Raff (Wharton)
Jeffrey Winkler (SAS/Chemistry) *Chair*

2. Pursuant to the Bylaws, additional nominations may be submitted by petition containing at least 25 signed names and the signed approval of the candidate. All such petitions must be received by December 12, 2008. If no additional nominations are received, the slate nominated by the Executive Committee will be declared elected. If additional nominations are received, a mail ballot will be distributed to the Faculty Senate membership. Please forward any nominations by petition via intramural mail to the Faculty Senate, Box 9 College Hall/6303. Please forward any questions to Susan White by e-mail at senate@pobox.upenn.edu or by telephone at (215) 898-6943.

Results of the Presidential Election

The Obama Win: Law, Politics and Policy After the Election will be discussed today, from noon until 1:15 p.m. at the Law School, Room 214, Gittis Hall. Penn Law School Dean Michael Fitts will moderate a Penn faculty discussion about Barack Obama's victory and its implications for law, politics and policy.

The panelists—Kathleen Hall Jamieson, professor and director, Penn's Annenberg Public Policy Center; Seth Kreimer, Penn Law professor; Charles Mooney Jr., Penn Law professor; and Wendell Pritchett, Penn Law professor—will talk about the election and American politics, civil-liberties issues, financial reform and how Obama's win may affect the nation's cities.

What Just Happened?

Making Sense of the 2008 Presidential Election in Real Time, a panel discussion held on November 5 with several members of the political science department, is now available online as an interactive video presentation. See www.sas.upenn.edu/



Correction: Penn-Made Presidents

In last week's issue, the long list of Penn-Made Presidents was unfortunately missing one of the most recently named Penn people who assumed a presidency earlier this year. Dr. Larry Kaiser, who had been the John Rhea Barton Professor and Chairman of Surgery in the School of Medicine, is president of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston (*Almanac* May 27, 2008). Also in that list, Dr. Thomas Schutte's presidency at Pratt should have read (1993-present). Stephen D. Schutt, Paul Zingg and Anthony W. Marx were missing *Dr.* before their names.

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Gifts of Involvement

An array appropriate for ardent aficionados and advocates of anthropology/archaeology, art, arboreta, and academe. . . .



... Stage Spectacular: *Penn Presents* will stage numerous shows including classical, gospel and jazz music; ballet and modern dance; and world discovery performances now through May. Get a jump on your holiday shopping with a unique gift for friends and family. Annenberg Center Gift Certificates are available in any amount, and are redeemable for all Annenberg Center performances. Make a gift to the Annenberg Center and get benefits such as VIP receptions and exclusive backstage tours. To subscribe or for information: (215) 898-3900 or www.pennpresents.org.



... Sweet Sounds: *WXPB 88.5 FM*, Penn's member-supported radio station offers several membership choices for those who enjoy discovering emerging artists and re-discovering some old favorites. For \$60, the music-lover can choose between the *XPN New Music Sampler CD* or the *Kids Corner 20th Anniversary CD*. For \$75, the recipient gets a choice of *Live at the World Cafe CD, Volume 26*, the featured album of the week, and more. More membership options and benefits can be found at www.xpn.org.

World Cafe Live provides a year-round musical venue of live performances as well as a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Gift certificates are available for purchase. For information see www.worldcafelive.com.



... Literary Lovers: *Friends of the Kelly Writers House* help sustain seminars, readings and webcasts. Friends will be acknowledged in the *Writers House Annual*, which is available on their website and in print. Membership levels: \$40, \$100, \$250, \$500, William Carlos Williams Circle: \$1,000, and Emily Dickinson Circle: \$2,500 or more. Information: Director Jessica Lowenthal, (215) 573-WRIT, or <http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/support>.



Library Friends can be a part of the continual replenishment of the Library resources, supporting collection development and growth for scholars of today and tomorrow. A \$1,000 gift in support of the Penn Library annual fund entitles you to membership in Penn's Red and Blue Society. \$2,500+ gifts entitle you to membership in the Benjamin Franklin Society. For information see www.library.upenn.edu/portal/opportunities/friend.html.

... What a Wonderful World: Membership at *International House Philadelphia* supports programming that promotes cross-cultural awareness and diversity. Members receive reduced prices for select events and invitations to members-only events. Members also get e-mail announcements for advance screenings

of major motion pictures, program guides and *Mosaic* by mail. Memberships: Internationalist \$50 (\$90/household), Adventurer \$100 (\$175), Emissary \$250 (\$400), Ambassador \$500 (\$750), Global Leader \$1,000 (up to 2 people) and more. Information: (215) 895-6553.

... Marvelous Museum: Those who treasure the past will be delighted with a full year's membership to the *University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology*. Members enjoy free admission, Museum Shop discounts, invitations to openings and other members-only events, and a subscription to the members-only newsletter, *Ex3*. They will also be kept up-to-date on the latest discoveries from the Museum's worldwide fieldwork and research. In addition, members can receive discounts on select Penn Presents performances at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. For the holidays, get a free gift with your membership—a wrapped copy of the Museum's publication *Touching the Mekong*. The book features photographs of Southeast Asia from the exhibition *Himalaya: Land of the Snow Lion*, which is now on view at the Museum. Memberships: Student \$40, Dual Student \$55, Associate \$50, Individual \$55, Dual Individual \$65, Household \$80, Sustaining \$150, Patron \$250, Fellow \$500, and Loren Eiseley Society \$1,500+. Information: (215) 898-5093 or www.museum.upenn.edu/new/members/index.php.



... Alluring Art: Members of the *Institute of Contemporary Art* receive free admission to the exhibitions, lectures and programs, invitations to preview opening receptions and the annual benefit, subscription to the tri-annual newsletter, the monthly e-mail with the curator's top picks, discounts on ICA catalogues, use of the ICA library, discounts on selected Penn Presents programs, and special discounts at area businesses. Join now at the Family level and receive free admission to 175 participating museums. Memberships: Individual \$40; Family \$100; Contributor \$250; Participant \$500; Benefactor \$1,000; Director's Circle \$2,500, with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: (215) 898-7108 or www.ICAphila.org/support.

Generations of Tradition, a lithograph of the University campus by Jane Wooster Scott, is available at four different prices depending on the edition: \$150, \$200, \$400, \$1,000. Profits benefit the Shoemaker Fund for Women's Athletics. Information: (215) 898-4717.



Arthur Ross Gallery offers those who contribute \$50 or more invitations to preview opening receptions and special events, and the schedule of upcoming exhibitions, in addition to free admission to exhibitions, lectures and programs. Young Friends/Students membership is \$25. Receive the same benefits as other donors, along with a free poster. For more information: (215) 898-3617.

... Botanical Beauty: Members of the *Morris Arboretum*, Pennsylvania's official arboretum, receive free admission, 10% discount in the gift shop, 20% discount on educational classes and excursions, the quarterly newsletter, plant sale benefits, Morris Arboretum automobile decal, access to the Reciprocal Admissions Program, discounts



for local garden centers and invitations to events and lectures. Membership fees are: Far-Away Friends \$40, Individual \$55, Dual \$65, Family \$75, Beech \$95, Chestnut \$150, Holly \$250, Oak \$500, Laurel \$1,000 and Katsura \$2,500. Membership form is online at www.morrisarboretum.org. For your favorite gardener, the Arboretum Gift Shop has a full line of garden-inspired home items, toys and the latest horticulture publications for the professional and amateur. Call the Morris Arboretum Gift Shop: (215) 247-5777.

... Delectable Delights: *Houston Market* gift certificates, in any amount over \$10, are available for purchase.



A gift of a *University Club at Penn* membership is something unique and useful, continuing to give all year. Privileges include complimentary morning refreshments, special event dinners, 10% discounts at Penne Restaurant and Wine Bar and the University Living Room at the Inn at Penn and Access to 100+ Faculty Clubs in the United States and around the world. A gift certificate for special mid-year membership is \$30. Memberships: full year \$60; emeritus/retired professors \$45; fee waived for first-year new faculty and staff to the University. Also available are gift certificates for the Harrison Room buffet lunch, only \$10.25 each. Information: (215) 898-4618 or e-mail universityclub@pobox.upenn.edu.



... Feeling Fit: *The Class of 1923 Arena* offers a discount book of 10 admission passes to any public skating session for \$45 with a PennCard or \$55 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Five weeks of group lessons, beginning the week of January 11, are available for ages 6 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The deadline for registering for lessons is 1 week before the first session. Cost: \$105. Information: (215) 898-1923 or www.business-services.upenn.edu/icerink/.



Levy Tennis Pavilion memberships are \$15 students and spouses; \$40 faculty, staff and spouses; \$55 alumni; \$75 public; \$40 senior citizens; \$6 guest fee; valid through September 2009. Information: (215) 898-4741.

The *Department of Recreation* offers gift certificates for Massage Therapy and Energy Zone. Information: (215) 898-6100 or visit www.upenn.edu/recreation.

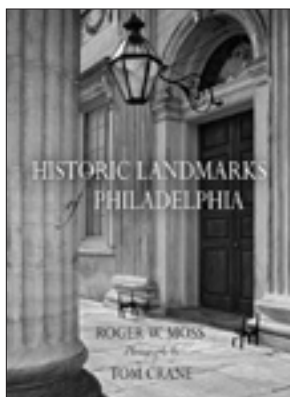
Fabulous Finds for Those Fond of Facts or Fiction

Want a special gift for the book-lovers on your holiday gift list? Well, there are numerous new books hot off the press again this year.

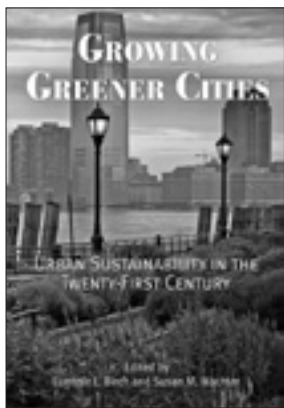
The Penn Bookstore has many to choose from—factual and fictional, personal and pictorial, historical and innovative. These are some of the many new books by Penn authors—faculty, staff and alumni. Not only are there books from Penn Press, but there are options from the Penn Museum and Wharton School Publishing as well.

For shoppers who want to preview the selection online, visit www.museum.upenn.edu for the Museum's collection, www.upenn.edu/pennpress for the many Penn Press possibilities, and www.whartonsp.com for Wharton School Publishing.

Lady Killer; Lisa Scottoline, C'76, L'81. Mary DiNunzio's high school nemesis, Trish, seeks her help for fear of her boyfriend, an abusive South Philly mobster. When Trish vanishes, Mary makes it her personal mission to find her longtime enemy and works to save her life. Paperback \$7.99.



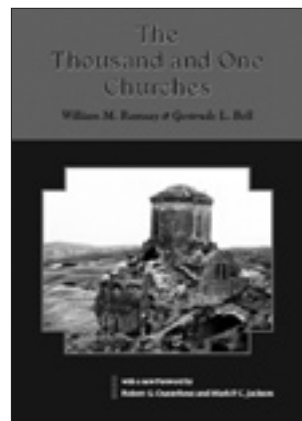
Historic Landmarks of Philadelphia; Roger Moss, retired adjunct professor of architecture; photographs by Tom Crane, The Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Featured are prominent, memorable structures that reflect stages in Philadelphia's growth. Penn Press. Cloth \$34.95.



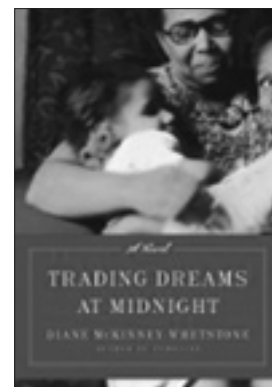
Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-First Century; edited by directors of the Penn Institute for Urban Research: Eugene L. Birch, Lawrence C. Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research and Education, chair of the department of city and regional planning; and Susan M. Wachter, Richard B. Worley Professor of Financial Management and professor of real estate and finance. Overview of the urban green movement, case studies in effective policy implementation, and tools for measuring and managing success. Penn Press. Paper \$34.95.



The Maikop Treasure; A. M. Leskov, research associate in the Mediterranean section of the Penn Museum. More than 300 objects ranging in date from the Bronze Age through the Medieval period, currently held in four institutions—the Staatliche Museen, the Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte in Berlin, the Penn Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Penn Museum. Hardcover \$75.



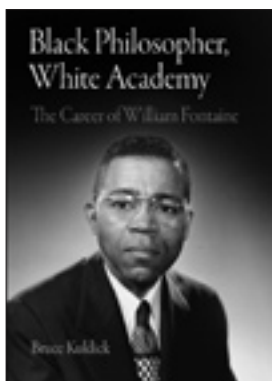
The Thousand and One Churches; editors: Robert G. Ousterhout, professor of Byzantine art and architecture, director of the Center for Ancient Studies; and Mark P. C. Jackson, Newcastle University. New edition of original book by archaeologists William M. Ramsay and Gertrude L. Bell, includes more than 250 high-quality digitized images from the Gertrude Bell Archive at Newcastle University (UK), which was a seminal study of the post-Classical monuments of Anatolia. Penn Museum. Hardcover \$49.95.



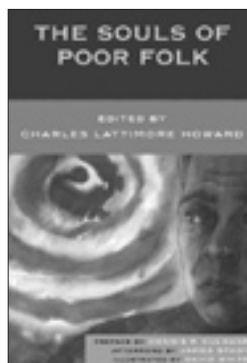
Trading Dreams at Midnight: A Novel; Diane McKinney-Whetstone, CW'75, lecturer, Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing. Multi-generational story about how two young sisters, raised by their stern grandmother in Philadelphia, quickly learn to look after themselves, fiercely reinventing their lives after the disappearance of their mother. Hardcover \$24.95.



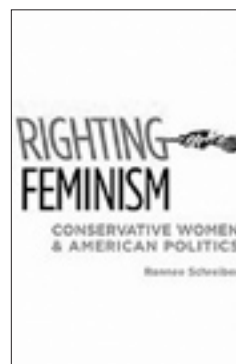
Turning Learning Right Side Up: Putting Education Back on Track; Russell L. Ackoff, Anheuser-Busch Professor Emeritus of Management Science; Daniel Greenberg, founding member of the Sudbury Valley School in Massachusetts. Authors draw on the latest scientific research, human wisdom, and their unique lifelong personal experiences transforming institutions that resist change. Wharton School Publishing. Hardcover \$29.99.



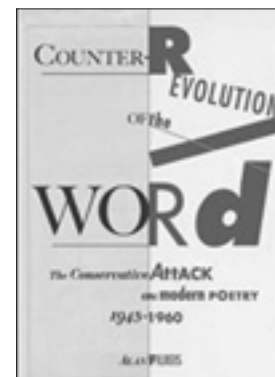
Black Philosopher, White Academy: The Career of William Fontaine; Bruce Kuklick, Nichols Professor of American History. A biographical sketch of this philosopher, who was the only black member of the Penn faculty, caught up in the issues and the dilemmas of race in the middle of the last century. Penn Press. Cloth \$55.



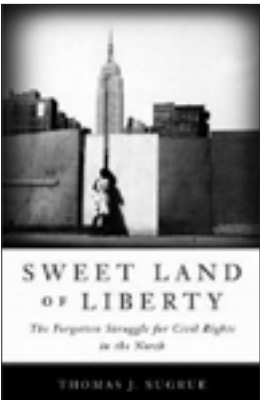
The Souls of Poor Folk; Edited by Charles Howard, Chaplain. Companion to a multimedia initiative featuring a documentary and original music compilation available on compact disc that invites readers, listeners, and viewers to journey beyond the veil that hides the scars and blemishes of social problems, such as homelessness and poverty, especially in America. Paperback \$19.95.



Righting Feminism; Ronnee Schreiber, ASC'84; Author reveals how conservative women's organizations use feminist oratory to uphold a conservative stance toward issues including abortion, pornography, and violence against women. Hardcover \$29.95.



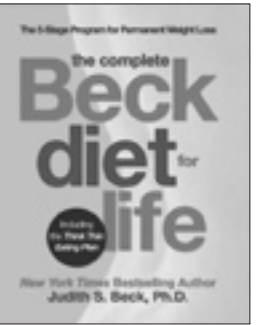
Counter-revolution of the Word: The Conservative Attack on Modern Poetry, 1945-1960; Alan Filreis, Kelly Professor of English, director of Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing and faculty director of KWH. Book offers a detailed look at conservative efforts to discredit, if not destroy, the American modernist avant-garde during the Cold War era. Cloth \$40.



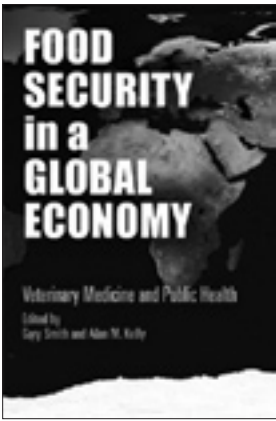
Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North; Thomas Sugrue, Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Professor of History and Sociology. Highlights seminal people, books, and organizations in the North that were integral participants in the civil rights movement. Hardcover \$35.



Not Quite What I Was Planning: Six-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous and Obscure; editors: Rachel Fershleiser, C'02; Larry Smith, ASC'91. Highlights from professional writers and artists include journalist Chuck Klosterman wondering, "No-body cared, then they did. Why?" Paperback \$12.



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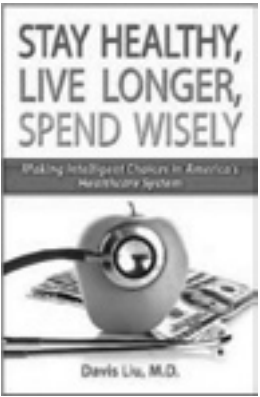


Food Security in a Global Economy: Veterinary Medicine and Public Health; edited by Gary Smith, Population Biology and Epidemiology; and Alan M. Kelly, Gilbert S. Kahn Dean Emeritus, both from the School of Veterinary Medicine. Provides a comprehensive overview of the issues that form the central challenge for veterinary medicine in the twenty-first century. Penn Press. Paper \$24.95.



The Opposite of Love; Julie Buxbaum, C'99. Author's debut novel is a tale of Yale law graduate Emily Haxby, who is eager to break through the emotional and professional ties that bind her. She finds her tight grasp on life and love slowly slipping as it dawns on her that the opposite of love isn't hate, it's emptiness. Hardcover \$25.

The Complete Beck Diet for Life: The Five-Stage Program for Permanent Weight Loss; Judith S. Beck, clinical associate professor in psychology in psychiatry. Provides steps to achieve long-lasting weight loss by combining healthy eating and cognitive therapy. There are no forbidden foods or starvation. Hardcover \$24.95.

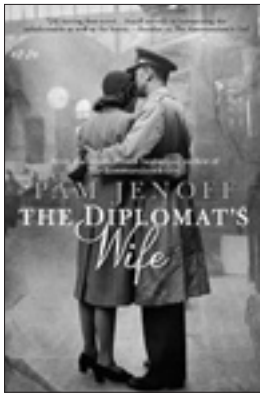


Stay Healthy, Live Longer, Spend Wisely; Davis Liu, W'93. Which insurance plan is best for you? Is it worth paying more for a brand-name medication rather than generic? How can you get the most out of your visits to the doctor? These questions and more are answered by the author who is a family physician in California. Hardcover \$24.95.

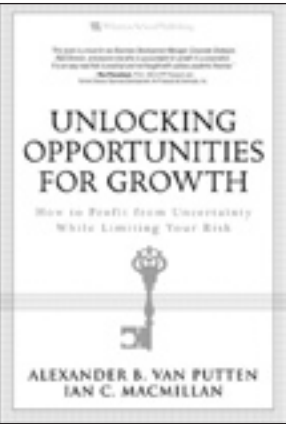


The Possible City: Exercises in Dreaming Philadelphia; Nathaniel Popkin, C'91 GCP'95. It isn't dreaming that best characterizes Philadelphia but rather doing. Intrinsic to this effort are artists, those whose work transforms and are transformed by the cityscape all around. Paperback \$17.95.

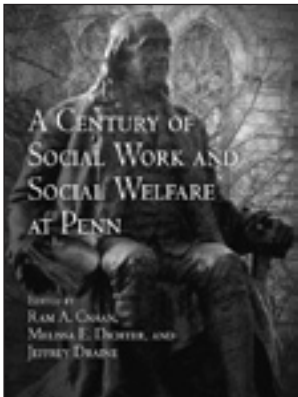
Desi Rap: South Asian Americans in Hip-Hop; editors: Ajay Nair, associate vice provost for student affairs; Murali Balaji, Penn State University. Exploration of the connection between South Asian Americans and hip-hop as both a sociopolitical/cultural movement and performative identity. This collection of essays interrogates ideas about ownership of culture while asserting the distinctness of South Asian American identity that has come through the use of and influence by hip-hop as a cultural art form. Paperback \$21.95.



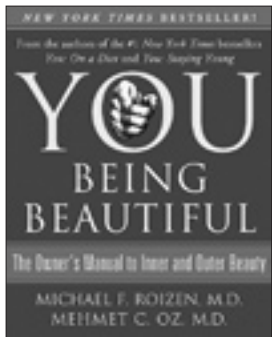
The Diplomat's Wife; Pam Jenoff, L'01. The sequel to, *The Kommandant's Girl*, is filled with love, death, and espionage as it chronicles the post-World War II adventures of Marta Nederman, a Nazi prison-camp survivor and best friend of the earlier book's heroine. Paperback \$13.95.



Unlocking Opportunities for Growth: How to Profit from Uncertainty While Limiting Your Risk; Ian C. MacMillan, Dhirubhai Ambani Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, professor of management, and director of the Sol C. Snider Entrepreneurial Research Center at Wharton; Alexander B. van Putten, lecturer in Wharton. Authors show how to engineer the risk out of uncertain opportunities so you can pursue more high-payoff innovations. Wharton School Publishing. Hardcover \$39.99.



A Century of Social Work and Social Welfare at Penn; edited by: Ram A. Cnaan, professor, associate dean for research, and chair of the Doctoral Program in Social Welfare; Melissa E. Dichter, doctoral candidate in social welfare; and Jeffrey Draine, associate professor of social work and psychiatry. Penn Press. Cloth \$65.



YOU: Being Beautiful: The Owner's Manual to Inner and Outer Beauty; Mehmet Oz, WG'86 M'86; Michael Roizen, author, lecturer, anesthesiologist and medical internist. A look at the three levels of beauty—looking, feeling, and being beautiful—and explanation of how they all work together to form a complete and authentic YOU. Hardcover \$26.99.



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Human Resources: Upcoming Programs

Nutrition Workshops

If you're like most people, you have plenty of questions about nutrition: What should I eat before and after a workout? How can I choose smarter, healthier foods at the grocery store or in a restaurant? Which vitamins should I be taking, if any? Get answers to these questions and more when you join Human Resources for an ongoing series of nutrition workshops. For more information about the workshops and to register, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/wellness/workshops.aspx or contact Human Resources at (215) 898-5116 or suzsmith@upenn.edu.

Nutrition and Cancer Prevention. December 10; noon-1 p.m.; free. Did you know there's a link between nutrition, physical activity, and cancer prevention? Come join us to learn about the American Cancer Society's nutrition and physical activity guidelines for cancer prevention. You'll also learn how to identify personal nutrition and/or physical activity goals. This workshop is led by Katrina Claghorn, advanced practice clinical dietitian specialist, and Kathleen Gallagher, oncology dietitian at the Abramson Cancer Center.

Eat, Drink, and Be Mindful! December 18; noon-1 p.m.; free. It's always hard to curb your appetite around the holidays. But we have some strategies that can help you combat those extra calories while still enjoying the season. *Eat, Drink, and Be Mindful!* will teach you about low-calorie nutrition options that will help you maintain your waistline throughout the holiday season. You can even sample some healthy shakes and snack bars! This workshop is led by Andrea Diamond, program director of the Albert J. Stunkard Weight Management Program, and Andrea Spivack, dietitian from the Penn Health System.

Professional and Personal Development

Improve your skills and get ahead in your career by taking advantage of the many development opportunities provided by Human Resources! You can pre-register for programs by visiting the online Course Catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog/default.aspx or by contacting Learning and Education at (215) 898-3400.

Penn Certificate Program in Administrative Excellence. Begins December 2; multiple dates/times; \$100. The newly redesigned Penn Certificate Program in Administrative Excellence is targeted for frontline, support and administrative staff. It will include a variety of topics, ranging from office organization and time management skills to building networks and clarifying your individual career path.

American Management Association's "Standing Strong in Difficult Workplace Situations." December 4; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$75. As professionals, we have to interact with all kinds of people—including some we may not get along with! Difficult people and stressful situations can be a daily reality in the workplace. However, to remain effective in your job, it's essential that you stay composed and professional at all times. This intensive one-day workshop will help you build problem-solving skills through individual and interactive group activities. You'll develop indispensable conflict management and communication skills that you can use to deal more effectively with challenging behavior, so that you can improve your own effectiveness and forge stronger professional relationships with your co-workers.

Brown Bag Matinee—Managing Stress. December 9; noon-1 p.m.; free. We all encounter stressful situations on the job—maybe you've

found yourself in a position where you have more responsibility than authority, or you're working in an environment without a supportive network. *Managing Stress* presents viewers with techniques for coping with these kinds of tension-inducing events and examines how stress may be caused by our individual anxieties. You'll also learn how to communicate better with co-workers and reduce the impact that stressful situations have on you.

Career Focus Brown Bag—Influence Without Authority. December 12; noon-1 p.m.; free. If you're able to influence people at various levels in your organization, you are likely to have more success in achieving your goals. Do you want to know more about how to access resources, support and information from staff beyond your level and department? This video lecture will show you how to use the law of reciprocity and exchange—giving others what they need in exchange for what you need—to gain allies and create win/win solutions.

Heart Health

Keeping your heart fit is one of the most important things you can do to improve your chances of good health throughout your life. These workshops, led by physicians and health experts from the University of Pennsylvania Health System, will cover the facts and answer your questions about maintaining a heart-healthy lifestyle. Pre-registration is required for this special fall series, sponsored by Human Resources. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch to the sessions. For more information and to register, visit the online Course Catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog/default.aspx or contact Human Resources at suzsmith@upenn.edu or (215) 898-5116.

How to Start an Exercise Program You'll Stick With. December 3; noon-1 p.m.; free. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to start exercising in 2009, then we have the workshop for you. Come and learn useful tips on how to begin an exercise routine that fits your lifestyle, and discover how to stay motivated. This workshop is led by Stella Volpe, associate professor of nutrition, Penn's School of Nursing.

Quality of Worklife Workshops

Dealing with the demands of work and your personal life can be challenging. These free workshops led by experts from Penn's Employee Assistance Program and Work and Family Benefits Provider, Penn Behavioral Health, offer information and support for your personal and professional life challenges. For more information or to register, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/Quality/Workshop.aspx or call (215) 573-2471.

Optimizing Personal Performance. December 4; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; free. This workshop focuses on examining the attitudes and behaviors that lead to high-quality performance, and incorporating these attitudes and behaviors into your own life. Topics covered will include the factors that influence performance and interpersonal relationships, and how expectations affect performance, personal accountability and responsibility.

When it's More Than Teen Rebellion. December 11; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; free. This workshop examines some of the signs and symptoms of more serious problems that children can face, such as suicide, substance abuse and sexual issues (predation/acting out). Participants will learn about the definitions of specific problems as well as their signs and symptoms, and types of intervention.

Flexible Work Options Information Session

Flexible Work Options can support Penn's efforts to attract and retain top talent, maximize productivity, and expand services, while individual employees may benefit from the ability to pursue professional development opportunities, manage work and family responsibilities, and more. Penn's guidelines on how to propose and implement flexible work options arrangements are available from the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/Quality/Worklife/FlexOptions. On December 9, Human Resources will offer a free lunchtime (noon-1:30 p.m.) information session explaining Flexible Work Options in detail, including:

- How Flexible Work Options work
- Where Flexible Work Options fit & work best
- What conditions encourage a successful plan
- What others have experienced with flexible work arrangements (presented by a panel of colleagues from around campus)

Whether you're an employee interested in establishing a flexible work arrangement or a manager seeking to understand how to consider and evaluate flexible work proposals, please join us for this informative, interactive presentation and discussion. For more information and to register, please visit the online Course Catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu (click "Course Catalog" at the top of the page) or contact Human Resources at kraut@upenn.edu or (215) 898-0380.

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Special Winter Vacation Reminder

As you start planning for the upcoming holiday season, don't forget that Penn grants faculty and staff a Special Winter Vacation between Christmas Day and New Year's Day each year. This year, the special winter vacation days will be December 26, 29, 30 and 31, as well as Friday, January 2.

In the event that an employee is needed to report to work to continue departmental operations for part or all of this period, the Special Winter Vacation may be rescheduled for another time.

The Special Winter Vacation policy is online at www.hr.upenn.edu/Policy/Policies/608.aspx.

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Almanac Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no issue scheduled for next week—Tuesday, December 2. Weekly publication resumes on Tuesday, December 9 and 16.

After the Winter Break, weekly publication begins on Tuesday, January 13 as the new semester begins.

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Week Six Winners

Michael Murphy, HUP—University of Pennsylvania photograph book, Business Services

Doreen Bonilla, CPUP—Penn Ice Rink at the Class of 1923 Arena coupon booklet containing 10 admission tickets, Business Services

Sandra Griffith, Biostatistics Biomedical PhD student and Kirsten Smith, HUP—Pretzel party packs, Auntie Anne's

Ellen Behan-Heinbockel, Biobehavioral and Health Sciences Faculty—Gift certificate for 4 to a show, World Cafe Live

Tulsi Patel, HUP—\$30 gift card, Bellini Grill
Christine Tressel, Family Medicine Faculty—\$25 gift certificate, Hard Rock Café

Robert F. Stambaugh, Wharton faculty—gift certificate (\$250 value), Lucky Strike Lanes

James DeLoach, Pennsylvania Hospital—4 passes, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Patricia Campbell, CPUP—Penn umbrella, UPHS HR

Sarah Leonard, Pennsylvania Hospital—Penn umbrella, UPHS HR

Ruth Clark, FRES, housekeeping staff—Penn umbrella, UPHS HR

Miriam Yorkman, Presbyterian Hospital—Family membership to Penn Museum

Raffle winners for the Grand Prize will be randomly selected Tuesday, December 2 and will be announced in *Almanac*.

CLASSIFIEDS—UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH

The UPHS/Division of Endocrinology seeks **women at least 60 years of age** who have been told they need treatment for osteoporosis or who have had a bone fracture from osteoporosis for a research study. Women who are interested will be evaluated by bone densitometry and MRI. Women who qualify will receive treatment with an osteoporosis medication for two years and compensation for travel. Please call Terry Scattergood RN, MSN at (215) 898-5664 for more information.

Are you tired of regaining weight after dieting? Are you free from major health complications? Then you may be eligible for an investigational weight maintenance study offered by Penn's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders. This research study combines a well balanced diet, lifestyle modification and the use of an investigational medication to maintain weight after weight loss. For information call Jeff at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders at 215-746-7193 or email jlav@mail.med.upenn.edu.

For information call (215) 898-5274 or visit www.upenn.edu/almanac/faqs.html#ad.

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Penn Bookstore Survey

Participate in a Penn Bookstore survey online at www.upenn.edu/survey/bookstore for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards to the Bookstore.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for **November 10-16, 2008**. Also reported were 21 crimes against property (including 17 thefts, 1 burglary, 1 act of vandalism and 2 cases of fraud). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v55/n14/crreport.html. Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of **November 10-16, 2008**. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

11/11/08	1:27 AM	300 40th St	Offender cited for public urination
11/11/08	11:04 AM	100 40th St	Male cited for obstruction of highway
11/12/08	2:49 AM	4001 Walnut St	Male cited for disorderly conduct
11/12/08	7:18 AM	38th & Spruce St	Male wanted by traffic court/Arrest
11/13/08	6:47 PM	39th & Spruce St	Offender wanted on warrant/Arrest
11/13/08	9:38 PM	3604 Chestnut St	Offender wanted on warrant/Issued new court date
11/14/08	2:12 AM	200 40th St	Offender cited for public urination
11/14/08	2:27 AM	200 40th St	Offender operating vehicle while intoxicated/Arrest
11/14/08	8:22 PM	4000 Filbert St	Male cited for public urination
11/15/08	12:24 AM	3900 Walnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
11/15/08	2:22 AM	4000 Filbert St	Male arrested for disorderly conduct
11/15/08	2:41 AM	40th & Walnut St	Male cited for public urination
11/16/08	12:12 AM	4000 Walnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
11/16/08	2:40 AM	4000 Walnut St	Intoxicated driver arrested
11/16/08	2:58 AM	4000 Walnut St	Intoxicated driver arrested

18th District Report

17 incidents with 3 arrests (including 5 aggravated assaults and 12 robberies) were reported between **November 10-16, 2008** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th St. & Market St. to Woodland Ave.

11/10/08	4:03 PM	4740 Pine St	Robbery
11/10/08	6:25 PM	4523 Baltimore Ave	Robbery
11/11/08	9:50 AM	4523 Baltimore Ave	Robbery
11/12/08	5:40 AM	5225 Spruce St	Robbery
11/12/08	6:15 PM	5029 Pine St	Robbery
11/12/08	7:55 PM	5134 Hazel Ave	Robbery
11/12/08	8:43 PM	5200 Walton Ave	Aggravated Assault
11/12/08	9:35 PM	4600 Hazel Ave	Robbery
11/12/08	11:20 PM	4800 Chester Ave	Robbery
11/13/08	5:00 PM	4800 Windsor St	Robbery
11/14/08	7:41 PM	436 50th St	Robbery
11/14/08	9:05 PM	4700 Woodland Ave	Robbery
11/14/08	10:13 PM	4000 Market St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/15/08	8:30 PM	4632 Walnut St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/15/08	8:30 PM	4632 Walnut St	Aggravated Assault
11/16/08	11:45 AM	4932 Sansom St	Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/16/08	1:20 PM	1200 Markoe St	Robbery



Holiday Garden Railway Grand Opening: November 29

The Morris Arboretum's popular Garden Railway Display is returning again this winter as the 8th Annual Holiday Garden Railway Display. The Holiday Garden Railway Grand Opening Celebration is **Saturday, November 29, 1-3 p.m.** This special day will include the sounds of costumed carolers strolling through the railway garden, and kids and adults will have the opportunity to make a seasonal ornament or decoration from natural materials to take home. This fun, family event is a great way to kick off the holiday season and is free with regular admission.

Happy
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Holiday Events at Penn

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND EVENTS

At the Penn Museum

The Penn Museum offers international celebrations, music, shopping and family fun to bring everyone of every culture into the spirit of the season.

Info.: www.museum.upenn.edu.

Holiday Shopping Savings Days



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Above: *Mimang Sunti* (Bridal Crown), West Sumatra. Items such as this will be available for purchase in the Museum's shops.

Wednesday, December 3 through Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Penn Museum's three shops—the Museum Shop, the Second Site, and the Pyramid Shop for children—will offer holiday oriented merchandise, as well as an assortment of international arts, crafts and jewelry.

Special this season are items relating to the current exhibits: *Surviving: The Body of Evidence*, *Fulfilling a Prophecy: The Past and Present of the Lenape in Pennsylvania*, and *IYARE! Splendor and Tension in Benin's Palace Theatre*.

Visitors during the holiday shopping days enjoy these discounts: 10% off all purchases (general public), 15% off all purchases (University of Pennsylvania, HUP and CHOP employees, with ID), and 20% off all purchases (Museum Members with ID). For updated information visit www.museum.upenn.edu, or call the Museum Shop at (215) 898-4040 or the Pyramid Shop for children at (215) 898-4022.

Holiday Family Celebration

13th Annual Peace Around the World, *Passport to Culture*—Sunday, December 7, 1-4 p.m. Visitors receive a holiday "Passport to Cultures," with itineraries to visit Penn Museum International Classroom speakers and learn about holiday traditions in countries around the world. The day also features international music and dancing, choir music by children, exotic face painting, balloon art, international family crafts, free treats for children, Museum shop specials, and more!

This year's event is in honor of Elaine Garfinkel, who founded Peace Around the World at Penn Museum in 1995. She was an active member of the Penn Museum women's community for 15 years.

WORKSHOPS

Morris Arboretum Holiday Classes

Register: (215) 247-5777 or online at www.morrisarboretum.org.



Holiday Wreath Making—December 6. Designed for those who want to make a wreath from fresh loose boughs of greens. Participants work with a wire ring and spool wire to construct wreath, with a selection of ribbons and decorations; all supplies will be provided. Bring garden gloves and pruners. Section A: 10 a.m.-noon; Section B: 1-3 p.m.; \$55, \$46/members.

Holiday Tabletop Tree with Lights—December 18. Create a centerpiece (22-24" tall). Design a tree from long-lasting greens, bows and glass balls, with fresh flowers. Lights are added to make the tree festive. The arrangement will last 4-5 weeks. Section A: noon-2 p.m.; Section B: 6:30-8:30 p.m.; \$60, \$50/members.

WOCAP Arts & Crafts Fair: December 4

The Women of Color at Penn Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will take place on December 4 in Reading Room, Houston Hall, noon-8 p.m. Vendors will sell holiday gifts for family, friends, and others. For information call (215) 898-0104.

Penn Bookstore Annual Holiday Sale

The Penn Bookstore's Annual Holiday Sale on December 11 and 12 includes discounts off select items with sale items throughout the store and complimentary gift-wrapping. Hot chocolate and snacks, 4-6 p.m.

Arts League Annual Craft Show & Sale

December 7 through December 19, University City Arts League; Mon.-Fri., 4-9 p.m., weekends, noon-6 p.m.



CELEBRATIONS

Kwanzaa Karamu

The Makuu Black Cultural Center is hosting a Kwanzaa Celebration Dinner Thursday, December 4 at 6 p.m. in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall. The celebration will include a performance by Arpeggio Jazz Band, presentation of principles and candle-lighting with an evening of fellowship. RSVP: makuu@dolphin.upenn.edu.

CA Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 9; food, fellowship and good cheer for students, faculty and staff; 4:30-6:30 p.m.; at the Christian Association.

Holiday Dinner at the University Club

Enjoy the annual holiday dinner buffet at the University Club at Penn on Thursday, December 9 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Living Room. For reservations call (215) 898-4618 or e-mail universityclub@pobox.upenn.edu.

Holiday Party at International House

Participate in a holiday party with international flair Friday, December 12 at 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal music from the Curtis Institute of Music and share traditions from around the world. Tickets: \$5, free/I-House residents, members, alumni and friends. See www.ihousephilly.org.

AARC Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 16; noon-2 p.m.; 2nd & 3rd floors, African-American Resource Center.

Holiday Centerpiece Class—December 20. Participants design their own festive, fragrant arrangement to enjoy in their home or to give as a gift. In this workshop they will learn professional tricks of the trade to create a display with a variety of evergreens. There will be an assortment of candles, flowers, fruit and accessories to customize the centerpiece. Bring clippers and a box to take your centerpiece home. All other materials will be provided; 1-3 p.m.; \$55, \$46/members.

Kids' Holiday Centerpiece—December 20. Participants learn about fresh flower arranging as they design a beautiful centerpiece to use on their family's holiday table or to give as a gift. Working with evergreens is fragrant and fun. Participants can add a candle, pine cones, ribbons, and flowers to make it extra special. The finished arrangement will last at least two weeks. This educational workshop is for kids from 5-12 years; 10 a.m.-noon.; \$33, \$30/members.

PERFORMANCES

Penn Presents Holiday Music

Leahy Family Celtic Christmas Celebration—Friday, December 12. Performed by eight multi-talented brothers and sisters, this program is filled with Christmas carols and Celtic medleys. Showtime: 8 p.m., Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center. Tickets: www.pennpresents.org or (215) 898-3900.

Philadelphia Boys Choir

The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale: A Hollywood Holiday—Sunday, December 21 at 3 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium. Show includes songs from popular holiday movies. Tickets: www.phillyboyschoir.org.

Peanut Butter & Jams: Hanukkah Music

Peanut Butter & Jams: Yosi and the Superdads Rockin' Hannukah Show!—Saturday, December 27 at World Cafe Live. Show is an interactive and humorous family concert filled with versions of Hanukkah tunes. Showtime: 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$7/children. Info.: www.worldcafelive.com

New Year's Eve & More at World Cafe Live

Information: www.worldcafelive.com

Third Annual Holiday Show—December 13. Enjoy the sounds of Lizanne Knott and friends John Conahan, and Kuf Knotz & the Hustle at World Cafe Live. A long-standing member of the singer-songwriter scene in Philadelphia, Lizanne's music is known locally for moving easily through dark, poetic ballads to soul-infused folk and roots-driven rock. Showtime: 9 p.m. Tickets: \$5 cash and a non-perishable food item to benefit Philabundance.

New Year's Eve with Alô Brasil—December 31. The band's music is influenced by African rhythms and different regions of Brazil. Downstairs: Dinner: 6 p.m. (menu online); Showtime: 7:30 p.m. Tickets begin at \$65.

Countdown to 2009 with Alô Brasil—December 31; Showtime: 10:45 p.m. Tickets begin at \$45.

New Year's Eve with Slo-Mo featuring Mic Wrecka—December 31; Philadelphia steel guitarist Mike "Slo-Mo" Brenner fuses different genres, including hip-hop, pop, techno, R&B, and the steel guitar, to create a unique sound. Upstairs: Showtime: 10 p.m. Tickets: \$21.

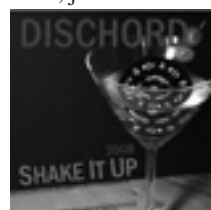
Skate with Santa: December 20

The Penn Ice Rink at the Class of 1923 Arena will host a Skate with Santa event on December 20, 5:45-7:15 p.m. featuring Santa on ice, holiday themed music and giveaways all evening. Regular admission prices will be charged. For prices call (215) 898-1575 or see www.business-services.upenn.edu/icerink/.



New CD by Dischord

Dischord, a pop, rock and indie a cappella group at Penn, just released its latest album. The 12-track



CD features original a cappella arrangements and is available online at www.upennndischord.com. The price is \$15, which includes shipping in the continental United States. Some CDs by other Penn groups, such as the Penny Loafers, are available at the Penn Bookstore.