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Students and faculty of color. students and faculty at Pitt is troubling and undermines the University of black and Hispanic faculty and students at private (non-profit) post-secondary institutions.

Lack of diversity in the class- room points to the learning climate for minority students. Black participants in the focus groups noted that often felt put on the spot and charged with representing the perspective of an entire group. This left the lone black student in a class-

Finally, but critically, because information in an ERM is centrally secured, the University can significantly reduce risks associated with storage of sensitive data in multiple locations.

Selection process
As directed by Chancellor Gallagher, I am chairing an ERM selection committee made up of 19 members of the University. The committee represents academic, business and service areas from across the University.

Members of the selection committee will serve in critical requirements sessions that began in November and ended in January. Twenty-four of these sessions were held, with more than 230 individuals participating from a full range of University areas participated.

Jinx Walton is the University’s chief information officer.

You may identify yourself as a staff member or a member of the Faculty. But perhaps you’re also an alumnus/a, a donor, a season ticket holder to both Pitt Stages and Pitt football and the parent of a high school student who is taking a College in High School class. In this capacity, you’re policy about the person is added in all of their relationships and contexts.

Benefits of an ERM system
Some departments within the University already are using con- structed relationship management systems, generally abbreviated as CRMs. An ERM (enterprise relationship management) is a relationship management system that collects and shares constitu- ent information across the entire enterprise, in our case, that “enter- prise” is the University.

You can model the relationships of people in your network.

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An ERM is particularly valu- able at a large institution such as Pitt because it can collect and hold data on other systems that house student, faculty and financial information, library systems, data warehouse and course manage- ment information.

Maximizing the opportunity for integration and sharing of data in an important ERM asset. Complete records of institutional communication/
1st state money of FY16 arrives

A t long last, the University has received the first installment of its fiscal year 2016 state appropriation.

Arthur G. Raniicone, senior vice chancellor and chief financial officer, told Senate Council last week that the University had received $35.7 million — the first half of the appropriation for the first nine months of the fiscal year that began July 1, 2015. The appropriation is $143.19 million in support for Pitt after a nine-month long budget stalemate. (See March 31 University Times.)

The current state appropriation covers about 7 percent of the University’s $2.07 billion budget.

The governor’s budget plan for FY17, which started July 1, would raise Pitt’s general appropriation to $150.35 million. Pitt has requested $168 million in FY17 general support. (See Feb. 18 University Times.)

In other business at Council’s April 20 meeting:

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Save the date!

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More on Pitt’s Planning and Budgeting System

To the editor:

It is clear from Faculty Assem- bly’s discussion of Pitt’s Planning and Budgeting System (PBS) that most faculty have little knowledge of the PBS, and PBS requirements are difficult to follow in many University responsibility centers (April 14 University Times).

This is a serious concern because Section 1.1.0 of the PBS document (Planning and Budget Committees section) requires that, in each responsibility center, “faculty, staff, and students have ample opportunities to participate in the development of proposed plans and budgets.”

Section 1.1.1 also states: “The majority of the PBS shall be elected...” However, some Facul- ty Assembly members said that PBS committee meetings have not been held for years in their respective centers.

Furthermore, many Faculty

Letters policy

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The University Times reserves the right to limit the number of letters to be published. Any letter that is not published for this reason will be returned. Letters up to 250 words may be published, unless the author requests otherwise. Letters up to 120 words are sometimes published in the “Letters” section.

Letters should be submitted to letters@pitt.edu.
SAC members question availability of parking

Gowins at community@bc.pitt.edu or tweeted to @PittParking.

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More than 60 percent of people traveling to Pitt’s campus use a method other than driving their own cars, she reported. The Parking office currently is recruiting Pitt volunteers for a storytelling campaign that will, she hopes, promote even greater awareness of alternative transportation. If people are willing to share such tales, Gowins said, “Those personal stories really make a connection to people and educate them about alternatives.”

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These events are open to all faculty.

Intergroup Dialogue Training
Monita Thompson, PhD and Charles Beiling, PhD, University of Michigan

Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

An Inclusive Classroom: Practical Lessons and Techniques for Constructing a Truly Open Learning Environment for LGBTQIA Students
Susan Marre, PhD, Monroe College

Tuesday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Understanding Our Students
A Four-Part Series Exploring the Rich Diversity of Our Student Population
This unique series features a Pitt faculty facilitator and a panel of students to discuss perspectives of specific student populations:

Transgender Students
Julie Beauches, Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies Program

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Students with Disabilities
Roy Cooper, Human Engineering Research Laboratories

Thursday, May 19, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Understanding the Background and Academic Preparation of Students from Chinese Cultures
Mei Li Song, Center for Instructional Development & Distance Education

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Religious Diversity in the Classroom
Lynn Coghill, Social Work

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Register at: www.cidde.pitt.edu/diversity/upcoming-events
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Pitt student wins Truman scholarship

Pittjunior Lia Petrose has been awarded a 2016 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. She is Pitt’s 12th Truman Scholar and the University’s first winner since 2008.

The merit-based federal scholarship awards $30,000 to outstanding college juniors for graduate school and professional development pursuits in preparation for a career in public service leadership. Petrose is among 54 winners from 47 U.S. colleges and universities. Students were chosen based on their records of leadership, public service and academic achievement.

The Truman Foundation panel selected 197 finalists from 130 institutions out of an initial pool of 775 candidates from 305 institutions.

Among the finalists were three Pitt students: Petrose, Sage Lincoln and Marcus Robinson.

Petrose, of Laurel, Maryland, is pursuing a Bachelor of Philosophy degree through the University Honors College and the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, majoring in economics, neuroscience and international and area studies. Her studies focus on health economics and macro-level health policy.

University Honors College Dean Edward M. Stricker commented: “When I think of the core values of the University Honors College — academic attainment, intellectual curiosity and social consciousness — I think of Lia Petrose. She is a remarkable person who has a clear vision of her life’s goals as well as the drive, intellect and resolve needed to fulfill them.

“Lia’s selection as a Truman Scholar speaks to her distinguished academic record and her dedication to the greater good of humanity. It has been a real pleasure for me to witness her personal growth over the past three years.”

This fall Petrose plans to study neuroscience and international relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where she used cutting-edge technology to identify risk factors of cardiovascular disease.

She has authored publications in the Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Petrose recently completed a term on the Student Government Board. She is a member of the University Honors College’s Dean’s Advisory Board and is a University Honors College ambassador.

She serves on the Provost’s committee for the Year of the Humanities, the Board of Trustee’s academic affairs committee and the chancellor’s strategic planning working group for educational excellence.

Congress established the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation in 1975 to commemorate the legacy of the 33rd president. Awardsees will be honored in a ceremony on May 20 at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri.

BPC to determine if budget data are available

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dicated to senior vice chancellor areas, responsibility centers and departments at the start of each operational planning and budgeting cycle. (See Letters, page 3.)

A survey in conjunction with the Senate’s recent review of the PBS document found low knowledge of the PBS among respondents, as well as some concerns about transparency and whether the system was being followed. (See Mar. 31 University Times.)

BPC has requested more data, which David DeJong, executive vice provost and liaison to BPC, said his office would provide, after ensuring respondents’ anonymity is preserved.

Freshman recruiting update

DeJong promised to bring an update on enrollment to BPC in May. He said the University is aiming for a smaller incoming freshman class in Pittsburgh this fall. Pitt’s target is 3,850 freshmen — 20 fewer than last year’s goal.

DeJong said the goal had been increased when freshman housing in Nordenberg Hall opened, but the University is tapering back to a more “steady state” so as not to strain existing housing and lab space.

The University enrolled a larger-than-expected 4,054 freshmen in fall 2015. (See Sept. 17, 2015, University Times.)

As of mid-April, the number of paid admits at the Pittsburgh campus was roughly in line with the reduced goal.

Direct applications to Pitt’s regional campuses are up, DeJong said. As of April 14, paid admits had filled about half of the incoming class at the regionals.

BPC’s next meeting is set for 2 p.m. May 20.
The achievement gap between black and white kids in public schools has long been pegged to the disparate experiences of different races in America. Elaine Weiss, national coordinator of the Broader, Bolder Approach to Education program of the Washington, D.C., Economics Policy Institute, says her research and that of others in the field demonstrates a different cause for the educational achievement gap. “Social class is massively important. When we see what appears to be impacts of race, what we are really seeing are impacts of poverty, because black kids are poor,” Weiss said. Weiss delivered the final Reed Smith lecture of the spring in the School of Social Work’s Center on Race and Social Problems April 13, contending that the “toxic interaction of poverty, segregation, and compounding disadvantage of being black” is a separate cause for the educational achievement gap.

“We have set up a system that compounds our disadvantages worse,” Weiss said. “We’ve got what can only be described as a crisis away from the idea that the government had a lot to do with solving our problems,” more often relying instead on private-money and free-market solutions.

The origins of the educational achievement gap between whites and blacks has been debated at least since the 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education, which ruled that segregation “interferes with the opportunity of the persons involved to acquire an education in the most expensive states.” Past policies that led to today’s conditions “are racism. There is no other way to say it.”

But, she cautioned, there remained a “fine line between what the research is saying and what we believe is what is going on.”

“Racism looks very different today, but it’s racism,” she added, pointing to the white Flint, Michigan, government ignoring the lead poisoning of the water used by its mostly poor black citizens.

“That interaction between race and poverty is just as interactive as in the days of Brown, but it looks different,” Weiss concluded. Segregation and discrimination no longer are legal, but they still are happening, and still are having a massive impact on everyone.

One desirable move would be to bring to K-12 classrooms, particularly in the early grades, the changes educators have brought to the best pre-K classrooms.

“[For whatever reason, when] many kids reach 5, it’s as if they’re not the same kids,” she said. Sadly, kindergarteners are stuck at desks and subject to ancient rote-learning techniques. “Three months ago, they were bawling off the walls,” she noted. A more holistic educational focus “would make this transition smoother” between pre-K and kindergarten and simply make education better.

“What are the policy implications of what we hear today?” Weiss asked. “What can we do as a society? We need a war on poverty. We need to have all our citizens. We need children to have access to child care or help with child care to most people. In the state with the cheapest child care — and not even the best variety of child care, Weiss noted — such services still may seem a luxury, because they cost a typical lower-income family 30 percent of their earnings. Merely adequate child care cost 80 percent of such families’ earnings in the most expensive states.

“They’re getting dumped in front of a television,” Weiss says of the child care situation for such babies. “All those services and returns are not happening. If K does have a very, very strong leveling effect,” she allowed. However, “we could argue it’s starting from birth” in providing aid to parents whose kids need it most.

Weiss’ own research, with colleague Emma Garcia, has examined the result of continuing segregation and poverty. Looking at kids who began kindergarten in 2001, Weiss and Garcia divided their research subjects into five social classes and found kids in the most social class to be far ahead three years behind in educational preparedness compared to kids in the bottom class. That can present teachers with a major problem, she added. Although noncognitive skills — “the things we don’t teach” — to the research found an undesired distance between highest and lowest economic states.

With only 13 percent of white kids living in poverty, as opposed to 50 percent of black kids and 70 percent of Latino kids who speak Spanish as their first language, “we’ve got what can only be described as a crisis on our hands,” Weiss said. “We have set up ... frankly a system of segregation in neighborhoods that make the disadvantages worse” when kids enter school.

The picture only becomes more troubling when school access is considered. Weiss’ work has demonstrated. It showed fewer than 5 percent of white kids are attending the highest poverty schools while 50 percent of black kids attended such schools, which have fewer resources and may not attract the best teachers. Her research, “We have a system of heavily white schools we had heavily educated parents” who are able to make sure their kids are “learning.”

“And frankly,” Weiss added, such parents “have the assertiveness to hire private tutoring.” To pull kids from classrooms that aren’t working and to press for school changes. When Weiss did not say explicitly that racism was a cause of segregated poverty and the achievement gap, a member of the audience suggested that even mentioning the idea would help make the situation worth considering better. “When you say it as a white woman with all your credentials behind you, it means more.”

One reason Weiss had not mentioned the term earlier, she said, “is the challenge of sitting in this research world and talking about the policy world.” Past policies that led to today’s conditions “are racism. There is no other way to say it.”

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Grand Opening of the New Health and Wellness Center TODAY!

Today marks the official grand opening of the University’s brand new health and wellness center! The center is called UPMC MyHealth@Work at the University of Pittsburgh, and is located on the 5th floor of the Medical Arts Building at 3708 Fifth Ave., on the Pittsburgh campus.

The center is managed and staffed by UPMC medical professionals and is available to all University faculty and staff members with regular employment status. Many conditions can be conveniently treated at no cost to you, regardless of whether or not you carry the University’s medical insurance.

At any time throughout the year, if you’re at work and not feeling well, you can walk to the center, have an examination, and obtain a prescription if needed. Listed below are a few examples of conditions that can be treated at the center:

- Allergies
- Cough and cold
- Fever
- Influenza
- Minor cuts
- Pink eye

Researchers have found convincing evidence that physical activity is linked to a reduced risk of breast cancer and colon cancer.

Many studies in the United States and around the world have found that adults who are active can reduce their risk of developing colon cancer by 30 to 40 percent compared with those who are inactive.* Adults who were most active had the greatest risk reduction.

Studies have also shown that physically active women have a 20 to 80 percent lower risk of developing breast cancer than inactive women. While benefits were shown for women of all ages, high levels of physical activity during adolescence seemed to be especially protective.

Scientists believe activity protects against these cancers by, in part, lowering the levels of certain hormones. The effect of physical activity on movement of food through the digestive system may also help provide protection against colon cancer.

About 30 to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day is needed to provide this level of risk reduction. Both the American Cancer Society and the World Health Organization recommend that people engage in this amount of activity to reduce their risk. Brisk walking is considered moderate activity; jogging or running is vigorous activity.

Eating a healthy diet, avoiding tobacco, and having regular screenings and checkups round out your protection against these and other types of cancer.

Before you begin or increase any exercise program, talk to your doctor.

*Studies cited by National Cancer Institute. See cancer.gov

Open Enrollment Is Underway

This year’s Open Enrollment period began on Monday, April 25, and will end on Tuesday, May 17. Open Enrollment is your once a year opportunity to review your current benefit elections and to assess if you would like to make any changes to those benefit elections.

Open Enrollment, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, is the only time that you can make changes to your benefits, including the insurance plans that you have selected, as well as the dependents that you are covering on your plans. Outside of the Open Enrollment period, changes to your benefit elections can only be made if you experience a qualified status change (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth of a child).

You are encouraged to review your Open Enrollment packet, or visit the Open Enrollment website at www.hr.pitt.edu/open-enroll, to learn about the current benefit offerings, along with the changes and enhancements for the 2016-17 plan year. Some exciting items to note for this upcoming plan year include:

- A new wellness incentive for members electing the Panther Gold, Plus or Basic plans that allows faculty and staff members, along with their covered spouse/domestic partner, to earn up to a $100 incentive for completing certain healthy activities.
- A 15% decrease in optional life insurance premiums.
- A split in the dependent life insurance premiums. Coverage can now be elected for just a spouse/domestic partner or just dependent children.*
- New travel safety and security risk coverage for faculty and staff traveling on University-related matters.

If you do not wish to make any changes, you do not need to take any action as your current benefit elections will remain in effect for the new plan year. *However, if you are enrolled in dependent life insurance coverage, you must make an election to indicate if you want spouse/domestic partner coverage and/or coverage for dependent children. Please visit www.hr.pitt.edu/open-enroll for more information on how to make changes to your benefit elections securely online through the University portal.

In order to review your current benefit elections:

1. Access the University portal through my.pitt.edu.
2. Enter your University username and password.
3. Select PRISM Login, located on the right of your screen.
4. Select PHR Employee Self Service from the main menu.
5. Select Benefits from the drop-down menu.
6. The Current Benefits Tab will open; this will show the benefits you're currently enrolled in.

To review past benefits, use the drop-down box on the top of the page.

Benefits fairs are being conducted in conjunction with the annual Open Enrollment period. The remaining benefits fairs are:

- Greensburg: Village Hall, Friday, April 29, 11 am-1 pm
- Johnstown: Cambria Room, Monday, May 2, 11 am-1 pm
- Pittsburgh: William Pitt Union Assembly Room, Thursday, May 5, 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- Pittsburgh: 110SABC Scaife Hall, Friday, May 6, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

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Universities’ economic impact is much broader today, Bagley says

Historically, universities have viewed their economic impact as a provider of jobs, a producer of skilled workers and a source of technology transfer and commercialization.

Today’s view is much broader, said Rebecca Bagley, vice chancellor for economic partnerships, in a presentation to the University Senate community relations committee (CRC) last week.

The University already has faculty-driven partnerships with industry, tech transfer and commercialization activities and investments in entrepreneurial activities, she said. “We educate students. ... Brain gain is a huge economic driver.” Faculty are leading in service work in the community and the University has anchor buildings in growing neighborhoods including Homewood and in Bakery Square.

More can be done. Among the aspirations under Pitt’s strategic plan, the University aims to boost life sciences translation and skills, an area Bagley said is ripe for growth.

“It’s amazing that we are fifth in NIH (funding) and we have all this amazing technology. And we have almost zero life science industry opportunities, jobs. It’s really a stark difference,” she said.

“We have not been good at communicating nationally, in particular, around this piece of our story,” she said.

Bagley said she feels Pitt’s life science capabilities have matured in the past two decades to the degree that the University “is in a really good place” to engage in translation and partnership. “I feel like we’re going to be a major driver over the next five years, to help accelerate that,” she said.

Building “clusters” of employers in a sector fosters growth because companies want to recruit talent, and because workers want opportunities for mobility among employers.

What amenities are lacking in Oakland and what perceptions discourage companies locating here? asked Eli Sorok, vice chancellor for business and real estate.

Traffic, lack of parking and the perception that it’s hard to get to Oakland are factors, posted CRC co-chair Linda Hartman.

Co-chair Pam Toto added that an Oakland address may not have the same prestige of a Downtown location for some businesses, although medical businesses may value a presence in the heart of the city’s medical and education district.

Lack of space is a bind, she said. Tracy Soska of the School of Social Work said. “Part of the challenge for the tech community is that you can have a startup here, but where do you put a larger operation? We just don’t have that sort of space here,” she said, adding that in order to grow, companies need to look beyond Oakland.

Oakland has not positioned itself as a destination, said Georgeta Petropulos, director of the Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID). “We have a huge arts and culture scene, but nobody talks about it. If we all bought into a concerted message, maybe that’s a place to start.”

Soska said Schenley Plaza is a destination that draws people from outside the neighborhood, but he agreed, “Arts and culture is one thing we have here that we don’t celebrate enough. We could do a better job.”

Wanda Wilson, executive director of the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC), noted that Oakland has great architecture, but people need to be incentivized to live and work here. Bringing that demographic into the neighborhood will lead to interesting businesses and new employers locating here as well, she said.

New developments are diversifying the housing available in the neighborhood, she noted. “It will be interesting to see what happens as the housing stock changes.”

Petropulos noted the power of Pitt and other institutions to serve as catalysts when they choose a location for their own facilities. For instance, the presence of Pitt’s Human Engineering Research Laboratories as well as UPMC and Carnegie Mellon facilities spawned housing and other development at Bakery Square.

“When you think about where you’re going to locate, think about how it can be a catalyst,” she said.

Oakland can use that kind of catalytic movement.”

Bagley outlined an August 2015 economic engagement report by the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (www.capsl.org), which calls on institutions to: know what they’re doing well and what they need to improve with regard to economic engagement; measure their engagement; tell the story of their contributions to economic development; and engage in external partnerships in order to have meaningful impact.

The APLU report identifies strategic program principles of practice:

• To embed economic engagement, innovation and entrepreneurship across institutional missions.

• To value and promote scholarship across a continuum of discovery and application.

• They keep coming back to the consistency of mission.” Bagley said. Everyone has the same sense of the University’s mission, but when it comes to thinking about executing that mission, people view it through their own individual lens.

• We all feel the mission a little bit differently, which is not a bad thing,” she said. “But how do you then make it so everybody sees themselves in the strategy?”

• To be a good community partner, at times as a convener and as an active participant.

• To engage in regional innovation ecosystems “to make sure your technology and ideas are going into the market and are supported so they have the best chance of success,” Bagley said, citing as local examples such partnerships as Innovation Works and the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse.

• To identify and strengthen strategic competitiveness, which Bagley said is done largely at the strategic plan level.

• To serve regional human capital and workforce needs.

“I think we have an opportunity at the University to think both about not just the students that we’re engaging but the others we touch through our service and different projects,” she said, citing the community engagement and service learning promoted by School of Social Work faculty member Soska.

• To contribute to the health and well-being of the community and the people the institution serves — an area in which Pitt and UPMC together have an “incredible opportunity to contribute,” Bagley said.

• To facilitate 21st-century knowledge creation at the intersections, collisions and new fusions of academic disciplines.

“This is breaking down the silos of the institution, much like we did in the Year of the Humanities ... getting programs going across the institution,” Bagley said. “Economic development can’t really happen without...
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Delitto named SHRS dean

Anthony Delitto has been appointed dean of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS). The former chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and SHRS associate dean for research had served as interim dean of the school since July 2015. Delitto also is vice president for research and development at the UPMC Centers for Rehab Services (CRS). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pitz/UPMC Aging Institute and the steering committee of the Clinical Translational Science Institute and the Health Services Research Data Center of the Health Policy Institute of UPMC. Delitto began his career as a practicing physical therapist at the Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation and as a physical therapy, faculty member at Washington University School of Medicine. He joined SHRS in 1992 as an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy. Delitto’s current research involves integrating the results of classification and treatment effectiveness studies into quality improvement initiatives, and he recently was awarded a multi-$13 million Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant to conduct a large pragmatic trial in which the primary aim is to reduce the transition from acute to chronic low back pain.

In a prepared statement, Arthur S. Levine, senior vice chancellor for Health Sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, said: “Since his appointment as interim dean, Dr. Delitto has articulated a vision for the immediate and the future of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences that promises, under his strong leadership, to propel the school in all of its areas of academics, innovation, and collaboration.”

James F. Woodward, distin- guished professor of history and philosophy of science, and poet, Terrance A. Hayes, professor of English, are among 176 new fel- lows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Woodward is among eight 2014 fellows elected to the Humanities and Arts philosophy and religious studies section. Hayes is among six 2016 fellows elected to the Humanities and Arts literature section.

Founded in 1780, the acad- emy is among the nation’s oldest learned societies and indepen- dent policy research centers. The group’s 4,600 fellows and 600 foreign honorary members include accomplished scholars, scientists, writers and artists and civic, business and philanthropic leaders.

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When metal nanoparticles are placed on different mezoporous or microporous oxide supports the catalytic turnover rates and selectivities markedly change. The charge flow between the metal and the oxide interfaces strongly depends on the oxide state, coordination number, crystallographic orientation of metal sites and bonding and orientation of surface adsorbrates.

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Colloid chemistry is used to control the size, shape and composition of metal nanoparticles usually in the 1-10 nm range. In-situ methods are used to characterize the size, structure (electronic and atomic), bonding, composition and oxidation states under reaction conditions. These methods include sum frequency generation nonlinear optical spectroscopy (SFG), ambient pressure X-ray electron spectroscopy (APXPS) and high pressure scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) of the catalytic behavior. Changes in the oxidation state of metal nanoparticles becomes less metallic and assume higher oxidation states with decreasing size. The small nanoclusters behave similar to transition metal ions that are active homogenous catalysts. Hybrid systems composed of enzymes, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts are constructed to study molecularly unified catalytic schemes for the future.
Drug overdose deaths increase here

Areas in the U.S. with the highest drug overdose-death rates are not always places covered by federal resources to combat drug trafficking. Western Pennsylvania is one area that is not considered to have high drug trafficking, but yet has one of the fastest growing drug overdose rates nationwide.

Using the Morality and Population Data System, a unique repository and retrieval system for detailed death data from the National Center for Health Statistics, housed at Pitt, Buchanan and her team examined overdose deaths in the U.S. from 1979 to 2014. They started with 1979 because changes in reporting about drug overdose deaths may not correspond to areas covered by federal efforts.

The mortality data was cross-referenced with counties in the high intensity drug trafficking areas program, which was created by Congress in 1988 to provide federal drug-trafficking grants in states with a high percentage of drug overdose deaths. They then examined how high overdose death rates were concentrated in Appalachia and the Southeast U.S., whereas such areas with lower death rates were near the borders in California, Texas and Florida.

“While resources are justifiably being targeted to the high intensity drug trafficking areas, they must also be allocated to counties outside those areas with rapidly increasing, currently high drug overdose rates,” said Buchanan, also a faculty member in the Department of Biostatistics.

The Morality and Population Data System also revealed several demographic insights that could be used to guide prevention and drug intervention efforts, including:

• Since 1979, drug deaths increased for all age groups, with the smallest rate of growth in those older than 65 and the largest for those younger than 20 years old.

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Buchanich continues to build on her drug overdose research with funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Drug Abuse grant program. This one-year pilot grant projects explore different areas of the opioid overdose epidemic with the goal of providing research-based information to guide public health interventions.

Additional public health researchers on this study are Laureen C. Balmer, Dean Donald S. Burke and Gary M. Marsh. Janice L. Pringle of the School of Pharmacy and Karl E. Williams of the Office of the Medical Examiner of Allegheny County.

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Cura Zika to accelerate research

The public health school is launching Cura Zika, an international alliance to perform research addressing the Zika epidemic, with a symposium and live webinar featuring Pitt biomedical scientists and their Brazilian collaborators.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that causes microcephaly in infants born to mothers infected with it while pregnant. It also is associated with increased risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome and other neurological disorders in people who contract it. The virus is widespread in South and Central America and has a likelihood of gaining sustained transmission in the western U.S. this summer.

Cura Zika builds on the public health school’s strategic and sustained collaboration with FIOCRUZ, the most prominent science and technology health institution in Latin America.

Cura Zika — which means “cure” in Portuguese and Spanish — will provide quick access to funding to scientists performing time-sensitive research on the virus. This support is designed to move early stage innovative research ideas into larger scale, an investigator initiated multimodal projects.

Pitt faculty involved in the effort include Dean Donald S. Burke, UPJAC-Jonas Salt Chair in Global Health and director, Pitt Center for Vaccine Research; Jennifer Adibi, faculty member in epidemiology and the School of Medicine's Department of History, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences; Yoel Sadowsky, director of Pitt’s Maywood Institute of Women's and Infants’ Health Research in the School of Medicine; and Jennifer Mariotti, director of the Magee-Womens Research Institute and Ernesto Marques, director of the institute’s infectious diseases and microbiology.

The symposium is 1-3 p.m. June 9 in the public health school’s Louis J. Bittner Learning Center of the Marlene Meyerson JCC.

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fourth annual Richard L. Simmons Lecture in Surgical Science & Department of Surgery Research Day

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 • University Club, Ballrooms A & B

7:30 am Poster viewing

8 am Richard L. Simmons Lecture in Surgical Science “Trauma Care: A Case Study in Translating Research into Policy” Avery B. Nathens, MD, PhD, FRCS (C)

Surgeon-in-Chief, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Senior Scientist, McLaughlin Centre for Molecular Medicine University of Toronto DeLouza Chair in Trauma Research

9 am Poster Viewing/Break

9:30 am Oral Presentations

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demonstrated in a phase II clinical trial presented at the AACR annual meeting.

The trial also showed that the extract detoxifies environmental carcinogens and toxicants found in cigarette smoke, and that the effect is stronger in people who lack certain genes involved in processing carcinogens. This trial was supported by the NCI.

Said Jian-Min Yuan, associate director of the UPCI’s Division of Cancer Control and Population Science and an epidemiology faculty member in public health: “Cigarette smokers are at far greater risk than the general public for developing lung cancer, and helping smokers quit should be our top cancer prevention priority in these people. But nicotine is very addictive, and quitting can take time and multiple relapses. Having a tolerable, nontoxic treatment, like watercress extract, that can protect smokers against cancer would be an incredibly valuable tool in our cancer-fighting arsenal.”

Yuan, who also is the Arnold Palmer Endowed Chair in Cancer Prevention, and his colleagues enrolled 82 cigarette smokers in the randomized clinical trial. The participants took either 10 milligrams of watercress extract mixed in 1 milliliter of olive oil four times a day for a week or a placebo. Each group of participants then had one week without medication, then switched groups, so that those getting the placebo now received the extract. They all continued their regular smoking habits throughout the trial.

In one week, the watercress extract reduced activation of the carcinogen known as nicotine-derived nitrosamine ketone in the smokers by an average of 7.7 percent. It increased detoxification of benzene by 24.6 percent and acrolein by 15.1 percent, but had no effect on crotonaldehyde. All the substances are found in cigarette smoke.

Participants who lacked two genes involved in a genetic pathway that helps the antioxidant glutathione remove carcinogens and toxicants from the body saw an even bigger benefit to taking...
The watercress extract, which increased their detoxification of benzene by 95.4 percent, acrolein by 12.7 percent and crotonaldehyde by 29.8 percent.

A phase III clinical trial in hundreds of people must be performed before the treatment could be recommended for smokers. Yet warned that while eating cruciferous vegetables, such as watercress and broccoli, is good for people, it is unlikely to have the same pronounced effect as the extract.

This project also involved researchers from the University of Minnesota.

Nursing faculty team secures patent
Cecelia C. Yates, faculty member in the School of Nursing, is part of a research team that successfully secured a patent for “Activators of CXCR3 for the Treatment of Angiopathies of the Eye.”

Angiopathy is any disease of blood vessels, and angiogenic disorders may include macular degeneration, restenosis following glaucoma treatment or diabetic retinopathy. Yates and her team developed a compound — the 1P,10-epipodophyllotoxin (EVPITC) — that is an activator of the C-X-C chemokine receptor 3 (CXCR3). CXCR3 plays a major role in the angiogenic mechanism (blocking new blood vessel growth), which would be beneficial in wound healing, and treating angiogenic disorders of the eye.

In excess of 12 million older Americans suffer from vision loss caused by excessive ocular blood vessel growth. The new 1P,10-epipodophyllotoxin peptide is designed as an injectable solution that will remove excess blood vessels to restore vision, not just halt vision loss.

Yates’ co-inventors were Joel S. Schuman, Ian Conner and Ann Wells.

Thyroid tumor reclassified as noncancer
Two studies performed by researchers at the School of Medicine, an international panel of pathologists and clinicians has reclassified a type of thyroid cancer to reflect that it is noninvasive and has a low risk of recurrence. The name change, described in JAMA Oncology, is expected to reduce the psychological and medical consequences of a cancer diagnosis, potentially affecting thousands of people worldwide.

The incidence of thyroid cancer has been rising, partly due to early detection of tumors that are indolent or nonprogressing, despite the presence of certain cellular abnormalities that traditionally are considered cancerous.

Jenni Nikiforov, faculty member in pathology and director of the Division of Molecular and Genomic Pathology: “This phenomenon is known as overdiagnosis. To my knowledge, this is the first time in the modern era a type of cancer is being reclassified as a noncancer. I hope that it will set an example for other expert groups to address nomenclature of various cancer types that have indolent behavior to prevent inappropriate and costly treatment.”

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In a review of hundreds of people must be performed before the treatment could be recommended for smokers. Yet warned that while eating cruciferous vegetables, such as watercress and broccoli, is good for people, it is unlikely to have the same pronounced effect as the extract.

This project also involved researchers from the University of Minnesota.


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George K. Michalopoulos, research professor and chair of the Department of Pathology at the School of Medicine, was honored with the American Association for Investigative Pathology. This society represents faculty in pathology and other departments engaged in basic research on mechanisms of disease and tissue biology.

Michalopoulos’ research focuses on biology of liver regeneration and carcinogenesis.

The Carnegie Science Center established the awards program in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania. The group has honored the accomplishments of more than 500 individuals and organizations.

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Larry Zuckerbraun, the Henry T. Byron Professor of the Humanities and the Arts, to study the techniques of Eastern European practices and at the Franco-German School in Freiburg, a French and Italian languages and literature, to study cultures of the Franco-German School in Freiburg, and Salvador Dali and its relation to quantum computing and implementation.

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**School of Medicine faculty members**

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Russian Film Symposium “Kiss Them All! 2: We Will Live!” (2014), 1500 Pauw, 10 am; “The Irony of Fury” (2016), 1500 Pauw, 2 pm; “The Downs Are Quiet Here” (2015), 477 MeVondu Ave., 7:30 pm

Benefit Fair 1:30-10:30 pm

St. VC Research Seminar “Chronic Effects of Acute Gastrointestinal Infection,” Timothy Hand, pediatrics & immunology; Saclie lect. rm. 6, noon (www.seminar-pitt.edu/)


C A L E N D A R

Melwood Ave., 7:30 pm “The Land of Oz” (2015); 477
Michael Travis; WPIC aud., noon

Tuesday 10

Staff Spring Assembly “Focus on Work-Life Balance”; WP/ Kurnoian Rm., 11:30-3 am (www.seem-pitt.edu/2016-spring-assembly)

HSLS Workshop “Advanced Powerpoint for Presentations,” Julia Dohen; Folk Library class. 2, noon (jakhm@pitt.edu)

CTSI Workshop “Controlling Constructed Substances in Research,” Bill Yanco; 7/05/Forbes Tower, noon (www.cetsi.pitt.edu/ registration.aspx?number=193)

Faculty Assembly Mtg. 2700 Pauw, 5 pm

Wednesday 11

Hepatology Lecture “Mnihusmization de L’Eve Parlec,” M. Dane, Montire C. 7 east class. 2, 11 am (jakhm@pitt.edu)

Richard L. Simmons Surgery Lecture “Trauma Care: A Case Study in Translating Research Into Policy,” Averyathus, U of Toronto; VC Club hall, A-B, 7:30 am-2 pm

Clinical Oncology & Hematology Grand Rounds “Biomarker Plasma Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) DNA in the Context of An NCCN Clinical Trial: Standardizing the Assay,” Qubrey The Xuan Le, Stanford; UPMC Cancer Pavilion 2nd fl, Herbermm A-S, 4 am (millen@upmc.edu)

Thursday 12

HR Workshop “Excel, 2013 Quick Start: Charts & Pivot Tables;” Veronica Franklin, 302 Bellflower Hall, 10 am (register: hr@pitt.edu/)

Dr. VC Laurence Lecture “Development & Evolution of the Cerebral Cortex;” Pako Rake; Yale; Saclie lect. rm. 6, noon


Defense PUG Mtg. 272 Hillman, 2:30 pm

Defenses

Business

Strategic Placements in the Digital Age;” Mark Bender, Apria 28, 119 Merv, 10 am

A&S/Physics & Astronomy “New Perspectives of Cosmic Microwave Background Large-scale Anomalies,” Simone Avison; April 28, 321 Allen, 11 am

Clinical Research Lecture “Cystic Fibrosis: The Unexpected Benefits of the Colonic Microbiome”; Gewer, 4th fl, 7/05/Forbes Tower, 2:30-3:30 pm (dansamp@upmc.edu)

Faculty Assembly Mtg. 2700 Pauw, 5 pm

WPA Kurtzman Rm., 11:30 am-3 pm (www.sac.pitt.edu/2016-sac-registration.aspx?number=192)

SRHS/Rehabilitation Science & Technology “The Effect of Electrical Stimulation on Aged Skelatal Muscle Regen- erative Potential,” Ricardo Ferrari; May 2, 4014 Forbes Tower, 10 am

A&S/Communication “Recruved Beginnings: Rhetor- ic’s Digitalization: From Poetry,” Marie-Odile Hobeika; May 2, 1128 CL, 1 pm

IS & Technology “Advanced Distributed Data Inte- gration Infrastructure & Research Data Management Portal,” Erzjgany Karanar; May 5, 828, IS, 11 am

IS & Technology “Modeling the Energetic State of Relevance and User Activities in a Search Session,” Juru Jiang; May 11, 828, IS, 10 am

Public Health/Health Policy & Management “Evaluating the Safety & Effectiveness of New Oral Antidepressants in the Medicare Population,” Immairalai; Harmedica; May 12, 9719 Crabtree, 9 am

Exhibits

Studio Arts Student Exhibit FFA Gallery, through April 30, 10 am-4 pm

Folk Library “Interactive Animations: Flips, Flaps & Pop-up Books;” through April 30, Noon-8 pm

Falk Library “Pictures of Nursing” postcard collection; main fl., through May 13 Barco Law Library "Oracles & Veshdes,“ Michael Walter; through May 27

Sunday 7

Europe Day Poaw, noon-7:30 pm (www.arts. pitt.edu/europe)

Russian Film Symposium “The Land of Cx;” (2015), 477 MeVondu Ave., 7:30 pm

Sunday 8

Bradford Southern Tier Symph- ony “American;” Blasdelr Bromley Family Theatre, 3 pm; UPI (south- ernitysymphony.org)

Monday 9

WPIC Mental Health Coll. “The Evolutionary Power of Transcendence & Implications for Clinical Practice;” Eddy Theatre, Chatham, 10 am-5 pm (mdevad@upmc.edu)

HSLS Workshop “Endnote Basics,” Linda Hartman; Folk Library class. 2, 2:30-4:30 pm (hartman@pitt.edu)

Rona Chang, owner of Otto Finn, is one of the vendors scheduled for Pittsburgh’s first Europe Day Festival, which will be held noon-7:30 pm in Pauw Hall. The festival will feature artisan food, drinks, books, cultural per- formances and children’s activities. Admission is free.

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Staff/Faculty Health Ctr. Open House
305 Med. Bldg., noon-1:30 (FREE)
Take Your Child to Work Day
O’Hara Student Ctr. ballrm., 3 am noon
Molecular Biophysics/Structural Biology Seminar
“Probing Protein/Nucleic Acid Interactions, One at a Time,” Sanford Lasek, cell biology, 604 BSBST, 11 am (www.biology.pitt.edu)
Theridal Block Party
Forbes Digital Plaza, Forbes & S. Bouquer, 11 am-2 pm
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“Molecular Motors: Nature’s Engines,” James Spudich, Stanford. Lecture rm. 6, 5:15, noon (www.ohl.hec.pitt.edu)
CTSI Workshop
“Managing Conflict of Interest: Protecting the Integrity of Research,” Khrys Myrddin & Lisa Schoon; 7039 Forbes Tower, noon (www.ctsi.pitt.edu/registration.asp?number=191)
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UPMC Take-Back Drug Day
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“Plling New Drug Candidates From the First Stages of Immunization,” Bruce Freeman, 1395 BSBST, 10:30 am

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“Thrombocytopenia: (TIDG) Utilization for Diagnosis & Personalized Treatment of Complex Coagulopathy,” Oxana Volodko; UPMC Cancer Pavilion 2nd fl., Herbertman Aud., 8 am (miller@pgh.upmc.edu)

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“Cinescape”; The Warhol, North Side, 7 pm & 8 pm (music.pitc.edu/tickets)

Public Health Core Zika Symposium
Public health aud., 1-3 pm (www.core-zika.org)
Ramp Crawl
Schenley Plaza, 4 pm (register: oaklandfood.co)
PROVOST INAGURAL LECTURE
“New Insights Into the Maternal-Fetal Communications Interface,” Yoel Sadovsky; obstetrics, gynecology & reproduction Sciences; scalf aud. 3 pm (sadovsky@pitt.edu)

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