The hustle and bustle that marks the beginning of the academic year returned last week: The proliferation of laundry carts and upperclass student volunteers pointing the way to newcomers and their families during Arrival Survival.

But for many at Pitt, the hazy days of summer have been anything but lazy: Facilities were renovated; faculty and staff came and went; academic programs were established.

The University Times asked deans, unit heads and others: “What’s New at Pitt?” The summaries that follow are overviews of school news based on material submitted by the units. Information previously published in the University Times was not included here. The listings were coordinated by Kimberly K. Barlow and Marty Levine. Photo by Mike Drazdzinski/Photographic Services.

### ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Graham Beattie** and **Michell Chresfield** have been named Dietrich School of Art and Sciences postdoctoral fellows in the social sciences. Beattie received a PhD in economics at the University of Toronto and will teach in the Department of Economics. Chresfield earned a PhD in history at the University of London-Birkbeck. She will coordinate Pitt’s film studies program in London at the Derek Jarman Lab.

**Sarah Joshi** joined the film studies program this summer from Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image where she was a manager. Joshi completed her PhD in humanities and cultural studies from the University of London-Birkbeck. She will coordinate Pitt’s film studies program in London at the Derek Jarman Lab.

**Robin Brooks,** whose PhD is from the University of Florida, has joined the Department of Africana Studies as an assistant professor.

**New faculty in the Department of Anthropology include assistant professor Emily Wanderer,** whose PhD is from MIT, and **advanced assistant professor Heath Cabot,** whose PhD is from the University of California-Santa Cruz.

Joining the biological sciences faculty as assistant professors are **Martin Turcotte,** whose PhD is from the University of California-Riverside, and **Jacob Durant,** whose PhD is from University of California-San Diego.

Other new faculty are **lecturers Burhan Ghatahbeh,** whose PhD is from Texas Tech, and **Tiffany Czapski,** whose PhD is from Duquesne.

**Jennifer Laaser** joins the Department of Chemistry as an assistant professor. She comes from the University of Minnesota where she was a postdoctoral associate. She earned her PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Laaser is proposing to study how the structural, chemical and dynamical features of polymer molecules determine their physiochemical properties, impact their stimulus-responsive behavior and can be used to promote their organized self-assembly.

**The Department of Classics welcomes Carrie L. Sulsky Weaver** as a visiting assistant professor and **Andrew J. Korzeniewski** as a visiting lecturer. Weaver completed her undergraduate degree at Pitt, and received her MA and PhD in classical art and archaeology from the University of Virginia. She will be teaching Greek Civilisation, Death in the Ancient Greek World, Classical Archaeology and The Archaeology of the Body.

Korzeniewski completed his MA at Villanova and his PhD at Pitt. He will be teaching Advanced Readings in Latin Epic, Ancient Epic and Beginning Latin I.

**Eric English** is a new lecturer in the Department of Communication. He earned his PhD at Pitt.

**The Department of Computer Science welcomes visiting lecturer William Garrison** III and lecturer William Laboon. Garrison earned his PhD in computer science at Pitt. His research interests are based in the formal study of computer systems to better understand the practical implications in security decisions as well as web privacy and mobile malware-risk estimation.

Laboon earned his bachelor’s degree in computer science at Pitt and received his MS in information technology (software design and management) from Carnegie Mellon. He has held a variety of roles in the software industry — including test lead, manager, software engineer and field engineer — at companies such as Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics and UPMC.

His classes will focus on teaching modern software engineering practices to develop high-quality software. Faculty member **Alexandros Labrinidis** was appointed the tutorials chair for the 2016 ACM SIGMOD conference, an international research conferences on data management.

Faculty members **Adriana Kovashka** and **Jingtao Wang** were awarded Google Faculty Research Awards.

**Alumna Elizabeth Oyler** is a new associate professor in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. She received her PhD from Stanford. She spent 10 years at the University of Illinois where, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, she served as director for the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies. She specializes in medieval Japanese literature and performing arts, particularly war tales and the Noh theatre. She will be teaching courses on early Japanese literature and theatre as well as classical language. This semester, in addition to a survey course of early Japanese literature, she will be offering a seminar on Japan’s most famous classical work, “The Tale of Genji.”

**Stefania Albanesi** joins the Department of Economics as a professor. She
Sarah Leavens and Angela Farkas have been appointed lecturers in English. Leavens, who earned her MFA from Chatham, brings with her several years of part-time teaching experience as well as one-year as a visiting lecturer. She has developed a course on professional uses of social media and has taught courses in the public and professional writing program. Farkas, who earned an MA and PhD in English from Pitt, intermittently has taught courses in the department since the early 1990s, most recently as a visiting lecturer. April Flynn, Katie Homar, Cumi Ikeda, Megan Kappel, Katherine Kidd and Tim Maddocks have been appointed visiting lecturers in English. Flynn, who earned her MFA in creative writing from Pitt, has been a part-time faculty member in the department since 2014, leading sections of Seminar in Composition and Written Professional Communication. Homar, a PhD, recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Mercerhurst University. Ikeda earned her MFA in fiction writing in April; she also holds an MA in English literature from Western Washington University. In the past three years, she has led sections of Introduction to Journalism and Nonfiction as well as Seminar in Composition. Kappel received her MFA in screenwriting from Hollins University. Since 2012 she has taught at Pitt, Robert Morris and Point Park. At Pitt, she has primarily taught courses on the public and professional writing track. Kidd defended her dissertation in the department this summer and has taught a variety of courses over the past five years, including Working Class Literature and Short Story in Context: Science Fiction. Maddocks, who has an MFA in creative writing from Pitt, has taught courses including Written Professional Communication, engineering/freshman writing and Seminar in Composition. Veronica FitzPatrick and Jessica FitzPatrick are new visiting instructors in English. Veronica FitzPatrick is a PhD candidate who expects to defend her dissertation, “The Rehearsal for Terror: Sexual Trauma and Modern Horror,” this fall. At Pitt, she has taught sections of Seminar in Composition: Film, Introduction to Film, Film Analysis and the Holocaust. She earned her MFA in creative writing from Notre Dame in 2008. Jessica FitzPatrick received her MA in English from Pitt and is scheduled to defend her PhD dissertation in the coming year. She has piloted a course, Secret Pittsburgh, and has led sections of Women and Literature, Literature of the Contemporary and Reading Poets.

Lauren Russell, a Pitt MFA in creative writing, has been named assistant director of the Center for African American Poetry and Poetics. She will serve as the primary liaison between the co-directors and the advisory board, center fellows, guests, faculty affiliates, graduate students, community members and other individuals and groups. As a research assistant professor, Russell will lead one undergraduate poetry workshop and one community workshop each year.

In the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, James Coleman is a new assistant professor of Italian. His PhD is from Yale. A scholar of the Italian Middle Ages and Renaissance, Coleman has been a visiting assistant professor at Johns Hopkins and more recently at Pitt. His work is concerned with the connections between literature, philosophy and politics, as well as with the interactions among Italian humanism during this period.
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Latin American and Korean cinema, cultural studies, critical race and gender studies and immigration history.

Raja Adal and James Pickett are new associate professors in the Department of History. Adal, of East Asian and world history, was hired in 2015 and spent last year on fellowships in Japan. A Harvard PhD, Adal recently has held the Council of American Overseas Research Centers’ Multi-Country Research Fellowship, the Japan Foundation Long-term Research Fellowship and the Social Science Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research.

Pickett, of Eurasian history, will teach courses on Russia, the Soviet Union, Islam and the Mongols. A Princeton PhD, he was hired in 2015 and spent last year on the InterAsia Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale.

Ruth Mostow, who is on leave in this year, is joining the history department as an associate professor. Mostow, who earned her PhD at the University of California-Berkeley, is a specialist in spatial and environmental history focusing on imperial China and the world. Her current research reconstructs the environmental history of the Yellow River as a human and natural system. She is studying the entire river basin, which stretches from the Tibetan plateau to the Pacific Ocean, during a timeframe of approximately 5,000 years in order to assess when, and to what degree, human activity in the upper and middle reaches of the river increased the risk of flooding on the densely populated lower course of the river.

Michael Gobat has joined the history department as an associate professor. Gobat’s PhD is in the University of Chicago.

Elizabeth Archibald begins a three-year visiting assistant professorship in medieval history. Archibald holds a PhD in history from Yale, with research focusing on the history of education and literacy in medieval Europe and the history of the book.

Robert Bland is a one-year visiting assistant professor in African-American history. Bland earned his PhD this year at the University of Maryland; his dissertation examined how counter-memories of African-American action in the immediate post-Civil War period were kept alive by African-American intellectuals and activists during the subsequent rise of Jim Crow and race-based public exclusion. He is engaged in public history outreach, writing about topics including Muhammad Ali’s foray into filmmaking. His teaching will include 20th Century African-American Women’s History.

The Department of History and Philosophy of Science welcomes Porter Williams as an assistant professor. He received his PhD in philosophy from Columbia University this year. His research is focused on the philosophy of physics, with particular attention to the foundations of quantum field theory and related issues at the intersection of physics, science metaphysics and the philosophy of mathematics.

Alexander Taylor joins the Department of History and Architecture as an assistant professor. In addition to teaching and running the department’s academic internship program, he will be the department’s first academic advisor. In this role, Taylor will facilitate research collaborations between the department and local museums, as well as his efforts of a $1 million Mellon grant to promote public humanities and object-centered learning and research initiatives.

Taylor completed his PhD in the history of art from the University of Oxford. He comes from Tate Modern in London where he was the inaugural Terra Foundation research fellow in American art.

Di Luò will be a visiting assistant professor in the department this year. She received her PhD in East Asian languages and cultures at the University of Southern California. She is a specialist in premodern Chinese art and architecture and will teach undergraduate courses in that area.

Peter Clericiuzzo will be a visiting lecturer. He received his PhD from Penn with a specialization in the architecture of late 19th/early 20th century France. He will help to administer the architectural studies program and teach architectural history and core architectural studies courses.

Joining the linguistics faculty are:

- Assistant professor Melinda Fricke, whose PhD is from the University of California-Berkeley. She comes to Pitt from a postdoctoral fellowship at Penn State. She is exploring the behavioral and neural basis of codeswitching, focusing on bilingual speech, executive control and language processing.
- Visiting lecturer Jevon Heath, whose PhD is from the University of California-Berkeley. Heath is interested in why people have different linguistic behavior and different expectations about language in different circumstances. His current research focuses on the relationship between phonetic, lexical and syntactic accommodation and on the effects of attention on phonetic perception.
- Lecturer Abdasmal Soudi, who will teach courses in Arabic linguistics, Arabic sociolinguistics and the capstone internship course.
- Assistant instructors Filippo Lubua (Swahili), who expects to complete a PhD at Ohio University this year; Eva Albertsson (Swedish); Erin “Airin” Rosley (American Sign Language), whose MS is from the Rochester Institute of Technology; Ilknur Lider (Turkish); Alana DeLange (Quecha); Andrew Varos, who earned an MA at Kyunghee University; and Marie Young (Irish), who earned a BA at St. Patrick’s College.

In the Department of Mathematics, Roman Fedorov and Armin Schikorra have been named assistant professors. Fedorov’s PhD is from the University of Chicago. Schikorra’s PhD is from Rhein-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen.

In addition, Daniel Hockensmith is joining the department as a lecturer. He completed his PhD in mathematics from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, and will serve as the Math Assistance Center director.

Olivia Bloechl joins the Department of Music as a professor. She completed her PhD in musicology at Penn. She most recently was an associate professor at UCLA. Bloechl is a musicologist with a period emphasis on early modern European music, especially the French Baroque, and on colonial-era North America. Her work has a cultural studies perspective with a strong theoretical framework based on post-colonial theory, Foucauldian theories of the relationship between power and knowledge and theories of difference.

In the Department of Neuroscience, Erika Fassnelow, whose PhD is from Duke, has joined the faculty as a lecturer.

In the Department of Philosophy, Harvey Lederman, who earned his DPhil at Oxford, is a new assistant professor.

Rachel Bezanson joins the Department of Physics and Astronomy as an assistant professor. She comes from the University of Arizona where she was a Hubble fellow in the Steward Observatory. Bezanson earned her PhD in astronomy at Yale. Her research expertise is in the evolution of massive galaxies over cosmic time.

In the Department of Political Science, William Spaniel is a new assistant professor. He comes from Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation where he was a Stanton nuclear security postdoctoral fellow. He completed his PhD in political science at the University of Rochester. His research focuses on domestic conflict, nuclear weapons and terrorism. He uses game theoretical models to develop new insights on these phenomena. He will teach courses in formal modeling, game theory, bargaining and international politics.

In joining the political science faculty are assistant professor Yue (Iza) Ding, who expects to receive a PhD from Harvard this year; associate professor Jae Jae Spoon, whose PhD is from the University of Michigan; and lecturer Meridith Long, who expects to complete a PhD from Vanderbilt this year.

Ding’s research examines the political economy of development, with a substantive focus on global and local environmental governance and a regional focus on East Asia and Central and Eastern Europe. She will teach courses on China and East Asian politics, and environmental politics and policymaking.

Spoon’s research focuses on comparative electoral behavior predominantly in Europe. She is interested in understanding political party strategies and their outcomes for the party, its elected officials and voters, and how party type and size, institutions and context influence parties’ decision-making at both the domestic and European levels. She taught at the University of Iowa and the University of North Texas and was a visiting researcher at the University of Mannheim. She will teach courses in European and European Union politics, political parties and political behavior.

Long’s research examines the role of compassion in public opinion and how the different uses of compassionate messages by political leaders influences partisan divides. She will teach courses in American politics and political behavior and will be one of the department’s undergraduate advisors.

In the Department of Psychology, Julie A. Fiez will begin a four-year term as chair this fall. She replaces Daniel S. Shaw. Fiez is a researcher in the area of cognitive neuroscience, with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study the neural basis of language processes. Within the department and through her affiliation as a research scientist at the Learning Research and Development Center (LRDC), she has longstanding interests in promoting interdisciplinary training in research between neuroscience and social and behavioral methods; diversity among graduate students and faculty; and state-of-the-art neuroscience facilities for faculty and students.

Lauren Hallon joins psychology as a research assistant professor. She is an anxiety researcher with a particular interest in cognitive and neurocircuitial-optical signals that contribute to the successful and unsuccessful regulation of worry and anxiety. Hallon completed her PhD at Penn, followed by a...
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clincial internship at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Anxiety Disorders Center/Institute of Living. At Pitt she will lead a research team and teach an elective on anxiety and related disorders.

Andrea Weinstein is an assistant profes-
sor of theatre arts and performance studies. Her research interests include vision impairment have changed about vision impairment have changed...
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EDUCATION

Lindsay Clare Matsumura has been named interim dean. Previously she was associate dean of research and faculty development. She also is an associate professor in the learning sciences and policy program and a research scientist at LRDQ.

Robert Gallen has joined the Department of Psychology in Education as an assistant professor and coordinator of the master’s program in applied developmental psychology. He holds a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Kentucky. Gallen was a psychology faculty member at Chatham and director of the programs in infant mental health and in infant and toddler development. He also is a licensed professional psychologist. His research interests include understanding qualities of infant-caregiver interactions and measuring the impact of reflective supervision on the early childhood workforce.

Erin Meike, a new visiting assistant professor, earned her PhD at the University of Delaware, where she was named an outstanding doctoral student in mathematics education. She received her MA in teaching at Pitt. After earning her doctorate, she was a program officer in teacher development at the Knowledge Science Teaching Foundation, where she supported beginning high school mathematics and science teachers as well as planned online and in-person professional development activities. She previously was an instructor for undergraduate students at Shaler Area High School. Her research interests include exploring ways to support the city school students’ academic and social development. Her research interests include the educational experiences of black women and girls, teacher retention and urban teacher education.

Sally Sherman, a new visiting assistant professor in the Department of Health and Physical Activity, will teach undergraduate exercise science majors and specialize in instructor courses. She recently completed her PhD in exercise physiology at Pitt, where her research focused on yoga.

ENGINEERING

Johnathan Vande Geest has been named a professor in the Department of Bioengineering. He comes to Pitt from the University of Arizona, where he began as a faculty member in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering in 2005 and joined its Department of Bio-medical Engineering in 2009. He received his PhD in bioengineering at Pitt. Vande Geest leads the Soft Tissue Biomechanics Laboratory, which develops novel experimental and computational biomechanics approaches to study the structure function relationships of soft tissues in human growth, remodeling and disease. The lab also has devoted significant effort in the development of novel endovascular medical devices. Current projects are focused on neurodegenerative diseases including primary open angle glaucoma and vascular fold paralysis, as well as the development of a compliant matched tissue engineered vascular graft.

James McKone joins the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering as an assistant professor. McKone earned a PhD in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology, where he was a Department of Energy Office of Science graduate research fellow. He also was a postdoc at Cornell. McKone has pursued multiple patents in energy storage technologies.

In the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Brandon Granger has been named a research assistant professor. Granger holds a PhD in electrical engineering focusing on megawatt scale power electronic systems and controls with applications in microgrids and medium voltage DC system design and obtained his master’s degree in electrical engineering and bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in electrical engineering, all from Pitt. His research concentrations and interests are in all classes of power electronic technology including topology design, semiconductor evaluation (currently  gallium nitride transistors), advanced controller design, power electronic applications for microgrids, HVDC and FACTS, and circuit reliability.

Robert Kerestes and Feng Xiong have been named assistant professors in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Kerestes received his BS, MS and PhD from Pitt, all with a concentration in electric power systems. His areas of interest are in electric power systems, in particular electric machinery and electromagnetics. He has worked as a mathematical modeler for Emerson Process Management, working on electric power applications for Emerson’s Ovation Embedded Simulator. He has been an adjunct professor at Pitt since 2014. Xiong received his MS and PhD in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign. Prior to joining the Pitt faculty, Xiong was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Stanford. His research interests are in energy-efficient electronics, novel low-dimensional materials, next-generation memory devices, flexible electronics, nanoscale thermal transport and renewable energy harvesting.

In the Department of Industrial Engineering, Mostafa Bedewy and Daniel Jiang have been named assistant professors and K. Louis Luangkesorn has been named a research assistant professor.

Bedewy most recently was a postdoctoral associate at MIT in the area of biomanufacturing. Before that, he was a postdoc at the MIT Laboratory for Manu- facturing and Productivity focusing on in situ environmental transmission electron microscopy characterization of catalytic nanoparticle synthesis and catalysis. He completed his PhD at the University of Michigan, where he studied the population dynamics and the biocatalytic and biophysical factors governing the growth and self-organization of nanoorganisms. His research interests include advanced manufacturing, nanofabrication, nanome trology and materials characterization, self-assembly of hierarchical nanostructures, engineering of biomolecular systems and precision design.

Jiang received his PhD in operations research and financial engineering from Princeton. His research interests are in stochastic optimization, approximate dynamic programming and risk-averse sequential decision making, with a variety of application areas including energy operations and energy markets.

Luangkesorn’s research focuses are data science and simulation of supply chain and healthcare issues. Prior to joining the Pitt faculty, he worked as an operations researcher for RAND Corp., focusing on military logistics and public health response. He received his PhD in industrial engineering and management sciences from Northwestern.

John Whitefoot, Wei Xiong and Hessim Babae have joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science.

Whitefoot earned his PhD from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and previously was a general engineer with the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation. His research interests include transportation policy and design, transportation demand and social welfare, travel demand and economic evaluation, traffic management systems, logistics and urban management.

Babae earned his PhD from Louisiana State University and previously was a postdoctoral associate at MIT. Babae’s research interests include computational fluid dynamics and heat transfer, multi-physics modeling, multi-fidelity modeling, stochastic modeling, uncertainty quantification, high-performance computing, flow instabilities, and computational electromagnetics.

Patrick Smolinski, faculty member in mechanical engineering and materials science, has been named director of the Swanson school’s engineering science program. Smolinski succeeds John Barnard.

The Swanson school’s Petersen Institute for NanoScience and Engineering has received a new initiative. Esta Absher, previously a research associate at Princeton, has been named director. Chemistry faculty member David H. Windle is taking the role of academic director.

GREENSBURG

Jacqueline Horrell has been named vice president for academic affairs. Horrell, a faculty member in economics, also
has administrative experience: She served as assistant professor Frank A. Cassell, was teaching and research in the Division of Sciences and, most recently, was assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Dean Nelson has been named assistant vice president for academic affairs. A faculty member at Pitt-Greensburg since 2002, Nelson has been at the University of Iowa. He chairs the Division of Natural Sciences, Mathemat- and Engineering and will continue to oversee the division until the election of a new chair in December. Nelson previously served in the assistant vice president for academic affairs position 2006-11.

Elizabeth “Beth” Tiedemann has been named director of academic advising and registrar. Tiedemann, who had been UPJ’s director of career services since 2000, previously worked in academic advising on the Pittsburgh campus, 1990-2000.

Pitt-Greensburg has reorganized its administration unit:

• Ronna Colland was promoted to director of financial and business services. In this role, she manages the budgeting and financial planning processes and oversees the business services office and the campus store. Colland also is the campus risk manager.

• Joseph Blechash was promoted to director of facilities and security. In addition to overseeing the physical campus facilities and maintenance function, he now oversees campus police and security. Daniel Lynch, chief of police, will report to Blechash as a result of this change.

• Mary Anne Koley, director of human resources and Title IX liaison, oversees conferencing services, and Stacy Netzel, conference services director, now reports to Koley.

• Scott Coulson continues as director of computing and telecommunication but now reports directly to the president. Colland, Blechash, Koley and Coulson are all members of the president’s cabinet and ex-officio members of the advisory board.

Jeff Antal was named media and instructional technology services manager.

Koreen Byrns was named visiting instructor of biological science.

Brooke McClendon has joined the Pitt-Greensburg faculty as visiting assistant professor of biology. McClendon recently received her Ph.D. in molecular genetics and developmental biology from the School of Medicine. Her research focused on characterizing proteins that maintain genome stability in Caenorhabditis elegans.

Pitt-Greensburg welcomes a new Con- fucius Institute instructor, Zhao Liang.

HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

The Department of Communication Science and Disorders, Daunna Duff joins the faculty as an assistant professor with expertise in musculoskeletal disorders. Duff previously was visiting faculty at the University of Iowa. She will be responsible for rehabilitation and development, especially the process of word learning while reading text.

New faculty in the Department of Occupational Therapy include:

• Dawn Stearns, an assistant professor and academic fieldwork coordinator. She has worked for Mercy Health System and the Centers for Rehabilitation Services at UPMC–Presbyte- rian and UPMC St. Margaret, most recently at St. Margaret as director of both occupa-
tional therapy and physical rehabilitation services.

• Alyson D. Stover, assistant professor. She has a private outpatient pediatric prac-
tice. Her specialty areas of expertise include administration, management and leadership, advocacy of the home health populations, health professions and the development and revision of health law and policy.

• Jennifer White, visiting instructor and associate fieldwork coordinator. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient and acute care at the University of Washington Medical Center. Most recently, she was the OT senior at UPMC Mercy on the brain injury unit. Her scholarly interests include clinical education and development of community-based occupational therapy services for underserved populations.

New faculty in the Department of Physical Therapy include:

• Gustavo Almeida, assistant professor. Almeida received her Ph.D in rehabilitation science. His primary research focus is on musculoskeletal rehabilitation to improve physical function and activity outcomes in patients with arthritis.

• Adam Popchak, research assistant professor. Popchak worked as a research staff in the Physical Therapy Clinical and Translational Research Center. He received his degrees from Pitt: a BS in biology, a doctorate in physical therapy, an MS in health and rehabilitation sciences and a PhD in rehabilitation science.

New faculty in the Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition include:

• William Ankrum, instructor and clinical education coordinator for the athletic training education program. He spent 20 years working for UPMC Sports Medicine, most recently as the assistant director of the athletic training and development department. He teaches and places students in clinical rotations through on-campus facilities, oversees studentрад and studies and crop and studies and crop and studies.

• Shawn Flanagan, assistant professor, has a background in human molecular research. Flanagan is the director of the Biomechanics Research Center. He earned his Master’s degree in Health Administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in research to infants at high risk for autism.

The Department of Computational and Systems Biology welcomed a new senior systems administrator, Xiaohui (Michael) Li. He most recently worked at Sandia National Laboratories, where he was a post-doc in health law and management and leadership, advocacy of the home health populations, health professions and the development and revision of health law and policy.

In the dean’s office two staff members have new responsibilities:

• Patty Kunkmic, executive director of development and external relations, previ-
ously was assigned by the University of Pittsburgh/UPMC Medical and Health Center Foundation to serve as director of development. She now will oversee all nonacademic functions of marketing, communications, recruitment, development and constituent/public relations and will create marketing and branding strategies to support the school’s mission.

• Natalie Baney, previously the school’s director of recruitment, now will serve as the director of communications. She will carry out the marketing/commu-
nunications plan, which includes managing elements of website design and content, using social media and directing effective messaging.

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Library System has joined the staff as a library specialist. He will work at the Technology Help Desk and will provide technology and media support.

HUMANITIES CENTER

The Humanities Center welcomes Gabriel N. Rosenberg as an early career fellow, along with Dietrich school post-
doc Regen. He will be a professor at the Humanities Center, Rostom Mesli, Rostom Mesli, and William Rhodes. Rosenberg is assistant professor of geography and earth sciences. He studied at Duke. He received his PhD in history from Brown in 2013. His research investigates the intersections of gender, sexuality, food systems and political economy in the con-
temporary world. Mesli, who earned a PhD in art history from the University of Chicago, will be appointed by the Humanities Center as a senior affiliate in the Department of History and Architecture. Rhodes, who earned a PhD in English at the University of Virginia in 2015, will be appointed by the Humanities Center and teach in the English department.

Since moving from the Office of the Provost, Dan Kubis has served in the newly created position of assistant direc-
tor of the Humanities Center. Kubis, who supported numerous events for the recently concluded Year of the Humanities, now will seek to capitalize on the momentum from symbiotic partnerships forged within the University during the past year.

JOHNSTON

Mellissa Zanjani recently joined Pitt-Johnstown as vice president of instit-
tutional advancement and a member of the president’s cabinet. She brings nearly 20 years of senior education and experience to the job, most recently serving as vice president for institutional advancement at the Courtenay College in Lakewood, New Jersey. Zanjani received a PhD in adult higher education from Oregon State and is pursuing an executive leadership degree at the University.

Tammy Barbos is now both director of development and community relations at Pitt-Johnstown. A member of the president’s cabinet, Barbos will work closely with senior leadership, faculty, staff and community partners to cultivate philanthropic support for students, faculty and programs at the University and lead strategic initia-
tives in the Greater Johnston community. Barbos will bring valuable experience in developing and marketing services as a member of the marketing team and will serve as the UPJ media spokesperson.

Four new members have joined the Pitt-Johnstown Board of Advisors:

• G. Henry Cook, president, CEO and chairman of the Board of Directors of Penguins Trust Company.

• Michael P. Hruska, president and CEO of Problem Solutions. Hruska is a 2000 graduate of Pitt-Johnstown.

• Dorothy L. Stros, who retired from the Department of Commerce’s U.S. Census Bureau/Geography Division. She is a 1984 UPJ aluma.


• Richard A. Bros, who retired after a career with Hormel Foods in which he served as director of marketing, vice president of brand management and a 1973 UPJ economics graduate, Bros and his wife recently established the Bross Family Scholarship in recognition of his efforts.

• Stephen G. Zarnias Sr., owner and vice chairman of Zarnias Services.

LEARNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Director and Distinguished University Professor of Psychology Charles Perfetti was named the 2016 Innovation in Autism Research Award from the Interna-
tional Society for Autism Research for his work in addressing the communication and language skills and the application of this research to infants at high risk for autism.

MEDICINE

The Department of Computational and Systems Biology welcomed a new senior systems administrator, Xiaohui (Michael) Li. He most recently worked at Sandia National Laboratories, where he was a post-
doctoral fellow in computational chemistry at the Combustion Research Facility. Li has a PhD in chemical physics from Indiana University-Bloomington.

Ivet Bahar, faculty member in computational and systems biology, was invited to participate in a workshop and give a talk at the White House for the National Strategic Computing Initiative (NSCI), created in 2015 to maximize the benefits of high-performance computing. Bahar participated in the meeting as one of three invited speakers from academia, presenting her perspective on the state-of-the-art in computational biology and using her NIH-funded Biomedical Technology and Research Center's focus as a lens. She discussed current challenges that could be addressed by exascale computing through NSCI.

New faculty members in the School of Medicine include:

• Nathan Urban, professor and associate chair of neurobiology, vice provost for special projects, associate director of the University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute and co-director of the joint Pitt-Carnegie Mellon Institute for Neuroregeneration, was recruited from Johns Hopkins. Urban is a professor of neurobiology, is an ALS specialist, and co-director of the joint Pitt-Carnegie Mellon Strategic Computing Initiative (NSCI), created in 2015 to maximize the benefits of high-performance computing. Bahar participated in the meeting as one of three invited speakers from academia, presenting her perspective on the state-of-the-art in computational biology and using her NIH-funded Biomedical Technology and Research Center's focus as a lens. She discussed current challenges that could be addressed by exascale computing through NSCI.

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She also recently completed her PhD at the Graduate School of Public Health. She will explore the role of social media in health behavior through the use of large-scale data sets. Her work involves understanding the dissemination and spread of health information through social media, with a focus on the impact of social media on public health outcomes.

**SCHOOLS OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES**

Don Taylor has been named to the newly created position of assistant vice chancellor for commercialization in the University’s Office of Corporate Services and was previously a professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, with secondary appointments in plastic surgery and in the swingas School’s Department of Bioengineering. He also is co-director of the Center for Commercial Applications of Healthcare Data. His responsibilities include working across the six Health Sciences schools to accelerate commercial translation of Pitt’s discoveries and inventions, grow academic/industry partnerships, secure commercial translation funding opportunities and help train the next generation of translational development students, staff and faculty. Taylor served as CEO of healthbratica, LLC, and as an executive-in-residence at the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse. His research focuses on the role of breast cancer metastatic latency through computational models and all-human, 3-D platforms to analyze tissue bioboreos. Taylor received his MS and PhD degrees in bioengineering from the Swanson school and an MBA in entrepreneurship from the Katz Graduate School of Business, and conducted postdoctoral research in the School of Medicine’s Department of Pathology.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Leticia Edwards has been appointed clinical director for the University Counseling Center. She provides primary oversight of the day-to-day clinical operations of the center, is responsible for quality control in the delivery of mental health services, and provides direct consultation to the center’s mental health professional staff with respect to their mental health practice. Edwards received her Master’s degree in Professional Counseling from the VA Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Prior to that, she served for nine years as the assistant director, University Counseling Center and coordinator of prevention services at the Eastern Kentucky University’s Counseling and Development Center.

The University Counseling Center has added other staff members, including Jay Derrick, from the Office of Student Affairs, as outreach coordinator, Betsy Callomon, drug and alcohol specialist; Rayna Gross, and community manager; and Rocco Vallecorsa, counselor. Megan Yetzer and Janelle Maloch also have joined the team as postdoctoral fellows.

**UNIVERSITY TIMES**

**What’s new**

- Meridia Sanders has joined Student Affairs as coordinator of first-year programs. She has served as an academic advisor and co-chair of Equipoise at the University. Sanders previously was a graduate student and career counselor at Slippery Rock University.

Several newcomers have joined the Residence Life staff: DaVaughn Vincent-Bryant, from Unicus, as assistant director for residential programming; Eddie Macham, residence hall area coordinator; residents directors Jonathan Alsd (Tower A), Kasey Lucci (Holland Hall) and Justin Vallorani (Pennsylvania Hall).

The Office of Disability Resources and Services has hired two disability specialists, Diana Dill and Robert Pena. Disability specialists assist with the implementation of reasonable accommodations for students with physical, cognitive, psychoanalytic, visual and chronic illnesses. They work with students with disabilities to ensure access to educational opportunities and programmatic activities of the University. They also work individually with students to coordinate the delivery of accommodations. As they continue to support student progress, provide case management and disseminate information.

**TITUSVILLE**

Nathan Ward has joined the Pitt-Titusville academic, residential and director of residence life and judicial affairs. Ward most recently directed the Office of College Diversity at Kent State College in Wilkes-Barre; he previously served in student life divisions at Saint Francis University, Ursinus College, Shawnee State University and Duquesne University. He earned a master’s degree in education at Duquesne. He also holds a certificate in evangelical studies from the Word of Faith Biblical Institute of Pittsburgh.

**UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Ian McLaughlin joined UCS in the newly created position of global operations support manager. He will facilitate and manage multiple key processes for the center and staff. He is the contact person for the Global Operations Support website, which provides a gateway to pertinent information regarding international research and business processes. He also is a liaison with International SOS, which provides emergency travel assistance, trip registration and evacuation services.

Angelina Cotler is the new associate director of the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS). Her responsibilities include managing faculty and graduate student research grants and Latin American social and public policy fellows; supervising CLAS publications, website and communications; and engaging with faculty, students, staff, businesses and community members. Cotler spent 12 years as senior associate director of the Center for the Americas and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she received her PhD in sociocultural anthropology.

For the second year in a row, the Afri- can Languages and Literatures department funding for a Fulbright foreign language teaching assistant for the academic year. Kelvin Ogejo, from Kenya, will assist in Swahili language classes while also taking courses to increase his English language proficiency and knowledge of American culture. He also will head Pitt’s Swahili Club, which provides a forum for students to practice their language skills, discuss Africa-related issues and engage in cultural exchanges.

The Less Commonly Taught Languages Center has hired Filipo Lubua from Tanzania as a full-time Swahili instructor. He will be responsible for teaching beginner-level Swahili language courses.

Emily Rooks-Koepel has joined the Asian Studies Center as assistant director of academic affairs, replacing Katherine Chalis Henderson, who received her PhD in Asian studies and Asian study abroad. She will assist in Swahili language classes while also taking courses to increase his English language proficiency and knowledge of American culture. He also will head Pitt’s Swahili Club, which provides a forum for students to practice their language skills, discuss Africa-related issues and engage in cultural exchanges.

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**UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

New staff in the University Center for Teaching and Learning (formerly the Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education), include instructional technologists Robert Ackerman and Amanda Piccolini; instructional designers Robin Florestine, Rae Mancilla, John Radzilowicz and Timothy Strasser; media specialist Meagan Kolec; program coordinator Laura McCarthy-Blatt; media producer Brittany Page; and testing assistants Emily Sekine, Brandon Sayer and Heather Mace.

Aimee Obidzinski-Golubey Beatty is now the manager of Photographic Services. She also has added new staff members:

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The school welcomes assistant professor Darren Whitfield, who received his MSW and PhD in social work from the University of Denver. Whitfield spent more than 10 years of experience working in the HIV/AIDS field. His primary research interests focus on the impact of psychosocial, sociocultural and structural factors on HIV acquisition and care among African-American, Latino and same-gender-loving men of color.

New lecturer Toya Jones is a graduate of Pitt’s MSW program and has teaching experience at the postsecondary and secondary levels with students diverse in age, ability and cultural background. Jones works with individuals, groups and families affected by crime, ex-offenders; and facilitates psycho-educational trainings for professionals and community residents.

Finance manager Bridget Ridge comes to the School of Social Work with more than 15 years of experience in various leader- ship and financial roles. Ridge earned her Master of Public Policy and Management from GSPIA.

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Advised by librarians has joined the Global Operations Support website, which provides a gateway to pertinent information regarding international research and business processes. He also is a liaison with International SOS, which provides emergency travel assistance, trip registration and evacuation services.

- Meghan Alston is an archivist in special collections and preservation.
- Catherine Bulen is an instruction services librarian at Pitt-Bradford.
- Zachary Brod is a records manager at Pitt-Bradford.
- Lauren Collister is a scholarly communications librarian in information technology.
- William Daw is curator for the Curtis Theatre Collection in special collections.
- Kathleen Donahoe is the Nor- denberg project archivist in the Archives Service Center.
- Kiana Gonzalez is a visiting librarian in the Frick Fine Arts Library.
- Abigail Gulya is a general cataloger in technology.
- Alice Kulimowicz and Christopher Lemery are liaison librarians in research and support.
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ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Department of Classics has moved to 1501 Cathedral of Learning.

The German department is settling into its new suite of offices in 1518 Cathedral of Learning. The department recently moved after 30 years on the 14th floor.

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures moved in August to 1228 Cathedral of Learning.

BRADFORD

Pitt-Bradford’s Hanley Library now features a Starbucks café.

Also new at UPB is a Systems, Networks and Projects (SNAP) computer lab in the Hangar Building. The computer lab enables computer information systems and technology students to simulate the server setup of a small business. It was made possible by gifts of $1 million each from Zippo Manufacturing Co. and UPB president emeritus Richard E. McDowell.

BUSINESS

The College of Business Administration has created an international programs suite in Sennott Square to provide undergraduate business students with a centralized location for the school’s international programs resources. The suite includes space for the director and two program managers.

The David Berg Center for Ethics and Leadership, part of the Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration, has opened an office in Sennott Square. The new space is in addition to the program’s existing space in Mervis Hall.

ENGINEERING

The Swanson School of Engineering marked the completion of the $150 million renovation to Benedum Hall with a “Building a Better Future” celebration in May, hosted by Chancellor Patrick Gallagher and Dean Gerald Holnder.

The University and the Swanson school are set to begin an expansion of engineering, energy research and entrepreneurship at the Energy Innovation Center (EIC) in Pittsburgh’s Hill District to provide more flexible, large-scale space for energy research and to encourage partnerships with industry.

The 18,600-square-foot laboratory and incubator will occupy more than one-fourth of the EIC’s central lab area, making Pitt the largest tenant.

The EIC, developed by Pittsburgh Gateway Ventures, Corp. in the former Connelley Trade Center, is designed to engage corporate and community leaders, align workforce development and education, develop and demonstrate technology and incubate businesses to support emerging clean and sustainable energy markets.

The Fischione Instruments Electron Microscopy Sample Preparation Laboratory has been established through a five-year partnership with E.A. Fischione Instruments. The company designs and manufactures sample preparation technologies for electron microscopy and microanalysis research.

The Fischione lab will be housed in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science’s Materials Characterization Lab and will enable collaborative research between Pitt and Fischione Instruments. The partnership includes equipment purchased by Pitt from Fischione Instruments, as well as engineering support and expertise from the company.

According to faculty member Jörg M. Wiezorek, who directs the Materials Micro-Characterization Lab, the ability to conduct high-quality research involving microstructural and microanalytical studies by electron microscopy and ion- and X-ray beam methods relies on the ability to prepare clean, artifact-free specimens.

As part of a partnership with ANSYS, the University is opening a 1,200-square-foot additive manufacturing lab in the Swanson school. The ANSYS Additive Manufacturing Research Laboratory is equipped with some of the most advanced additive manufacturing devices that utilize metals, alloys, polymers and other materials to laser print parts for nearly every industry.

The partnership also will support faculty and students conducting collaborative research with ANSYS and other industry partners, including those in the biomedical, aerospace and defense industries. Lab workers will have access to the ANSYS portfolio, enabling them to explore, simulate and analyze the critical components that go into products such as airplanes, cars and medical devices.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Facilities Management has undertaken numerous projects on the Pittsburgh campus. Among them:

• The Petersen Events Center has added Freshens Burrito Bowl and Pizza Hut to its food court. In addition, the Sub Connection in The Pete’s food court received a facelift this summer.

• Recent renovations for the Department of Geology in the Space Research Coordination Center include lab 403 and converting room 405 into a computational lab. In addition, offices 310, 311, 517 and 528 and lab 519 were renovated to accommodate additional faculty.

• The Innovation Institute, founded to advance the University’s successes in entrepreneurialism, commercialization and economic development, has moved into renovated space in the Gardner Steel Conference Center. Interior improvements include new ceiling, wall and floor finishes, along with mechanical and electrical and current code compliance upgrades. The Innovation Institute will show off its new offices at an open house Sept. 14, 4-6 p.m.

• The recently acquired Forbes Craig student apartments were upgraded with new heating systems and controls. Two new boilers and associated equipment and controls were installed and all existing hot water radiant systems were removed.

• Trees Hall varsity area locker room facilities were renovated. A new team space was created with easy access to the pool deck. Recreational locker rooms and restrooms in Trees Hall also were renovated to include ADA-compliant bathrooms, showers and lockers. Both areas were upgraded with new heating, cooling and electrical systems, new floors and ceil-
ings, lockers, toilet and shower facilities.

- As part of the recent drainage system upgrades to the Cathedral of Learning lawn, a rain garden was created to manage the runoff of the system in an environmentally sustainable manner by allowing it to filter through natural vegetation. The rain garden area also includes a perimeter stone border and seating area.

- Cathedral of Learning classrooms 232 and 332 were renovated this summer.

HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

The Neuromuscular Research Laboratory/Warrior Human Performance Research Center has moved to Rivertech Office Works on South Water Street, South Side. The 11,600-square-foot laboratory houses motion analysis systems for specific task and sport analyses with defined areas for sports physiology, body composition, proprioception, postural stability and strength assessments. It includes a swimming flume, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry capabilities and a biochemistry laboratory. The new building also features faculty offices as well as a conference center and classroom for the Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition’s classes.

HOUSING

Elevators in Sutherland Hall East and West have been modernized using the CompassPlus system. As in the Cathedral of Learning, riders request their desired floor before entering the elevator and are directed to a specific elevator based on their request.

The Sutherland Hall lobbies were renovated this summer. Each features a fireplace, a mounted television, new furniture and a charging station. Sutherland’s furniture and a fireplace, a mounted television, new furniture and a charging station. Sutherland’s

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources has implemented a compliance center for the collection of employment information for new hires, including all student and staff hires, as well as All-Temps hires. A compliance center for faculty and other academic hires will be created over the next several months.

JOHNSTOWN

At Pitt-Johnstown, construction is underway on a redesign and renovation of the John P. Murtha Engineering and Science Building, which will house UPJ’s engineering program and provide the space and technology to promote the campus’s STEM curriculum.

The building will feature a new design/ build lab and magnetics lab, additional faculty offices, student lounge space and collaboration spaces for engineering and chemistry students.

In addition, space for engineering and chemistry programs will be expanded, including three new teaching labs and two new research labs for chemistry, and 15 teaching labs; an expanded computer lab and additional classrooms for engineering.

Substantial interior renovations were made to the biology and pre-medical sciences academic center. The $1.9 million project involved the renovation of 5,720 square feet of space in Krebs Hall, creating five new teaching and research laboratories as well as more than a dozen new faculty offices.

The biology areas, as well as the renovations underway in chemistry and engineering, will fulfill a strategic commitment to provide a more modern learning environment.

Construction is underway on the John P. Murtha Center for Public Policy and National Competitiveness, which will provide a multipurpose space on campus for hosting workshops, academic symposia, student assemblies and public debates.

UPJ’s 140-bed College Park Apartments are slated for a $6.5 million renovation.

The project includes: a new heating and air conditioning system; roofing; windows; Wi-Fi; kitchens and flooring in apartments not previously renovated; bathroom upgrades; new lighting and carpeting in corridors and lobby; sprinklers and updated fire protection; renovation of selected apartments for ADA accessibility; removal of balconies; and repairs to the exterior facade.

Plans are underway to create a Learning Commons on the Owen Library first floor. The renovated space will create an area for group or individual study.

An emphasis on technology resources, including those related to information literacy and online research databases, will enable students to access library resources and to utilize a wide range of digital and virtual learning tools.

LEARNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Central China Normal University’s (CCNU) and Pitt. The goal is to promote international collaborations in innovative educational research between Pitt’s LRDC and CCNU’s National Engineering Research Center for E-Learning (NERCEL). Established by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, NERCEL is China’s only national research center in the field of education. Its strength is the development of digital technology for use across schools in China.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The newly renovated southern half of Parran Hall includes bright, contemporary offices, conference rooms and seminar spaces, plus an expanded commons area. A café/coffee bar will open later this year. The final round of demolition to the northern half of Parran Hall is scheduled to begin this fall, with completion expected in early 2018.

TITUSVILLE

Construction on the steps of Broadhurst Science Center has begun.

UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

The University Honors College has expanded its central offices to include the 37th floor of the Cathedral of Learning. The offices for national scholarship advising and pre-health profession advising have been relocated there.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

ULS is debuting a reservable, easy-to-use video recording studio this fall. The One Burton Video Recording Studio, located on the ground floor of Hillman Library, allows for high-quality video production with no need for technical knowledge, nor for having to adjust lighting or camera settings.

To learn more, visit www.library.pitt.edu/one-button.

Hillman’s ground floor service desk has been named the Donald S. Wood Service Desk following a gift from Wood, a Pitt alumnus. Construction on a reconfigured, user-friendly service point is scheduled to begin soon.

UNIVERSITY STORE ON FIFTH

The store has expanded its technology department and updated the CSSD technical support area with a new check-in desk, digital screen, workstations and seating.
ARTS AND SCIENCES
The National Center for Women & Information Technology selected Pitt's Women in Computer Science (WiCS) group for a $3,000 student seed fund award sponsored by Google. The award is given to student groups for women in computing and IT programs that increase women's confidence and technical skills and empower students to actively recruit and mentor other women. The award will help support WiCS's mission to become an Association of Computing Machinery for Women chapter.

In spring 2017, undergraduate majors in the Department of Religious Studies will be able to structure their coursework around a set of dynamic “thematic clusters” that will offer the opportunity to delve deeply into specific questions. Whether students are most fascinated by the intersections between religion and medicine; the role that religion plays in politics, social justice or environmental concerns; the relationship between religion and creative expression; or the religious aspects of philosophical or ethical questions, the newly designed major enables the investigation of themes comprehensively and from a variety of perspectives. For information visit www.religiousstudies.pitt.edu/undergraduate/major.php.

The Department of Theatre Arts will open its season with “Intimate Apparel” Oct. 6-16 in the Henry Heymann Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. The play, written by Marsha Norman, is about a woman who leaves her hometown to find a job in New York City. It will be directed by Kathy George. The course is designed for actors (playwrights, directors and actors) to perform scripts produced by theatre artists (playwrights, directors and actors). The course is offered by the College of General Studies and will introduce several new lines of clothing in a 20-plus page research paper or other high at the time of graduation. Honors by fulfilling the following criteria:

- A GPA of 3.5 in the major and 3.0 overall at the end of the junior year and maintained until graduation.
- Demonstrated language proficiency (oral proficiency interview, reading and speaking at an advanced-low/intermediate high at the time of graduation.
- A research project, which customarily takes place over three terms and results in a 20-plus page research paper or other comparable intellectual product. At least one semester of study abroad is strongly recommended but not required.

The University has established the Center for American Cinema and Theater (CACT) to highlight, promote and share the poetry and prose work of African-American writers. The center is a creative think tank for African-American and African diasporic poets and poets and also is a space for collaboration among writers, scholars and other artists thinking through black poetics as a field that investigates the contemporary moment as it is impacted by historical, artistic and social repressions and their responsive social justice movements. The center emerged from a meeting with Pitt poetry professors Terrance Hayes, Dawn Lundy Martin and Yosa Harvey that was initiated by English chair Don Biadystosky. "The Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures will present a lecture and roundtable series, “European Literature in the 19th Century: Between Nation and Market.” Building on the coordination of graduate-level courses in French and in Italian, the initiative, organized by faculty members Giuseppe Mecchia and Francesca Savoia, will welcome scholars Olivier Delers of the University of Richmond Sept. 14-16 and Gabriella Romani of Seton Hall Oct. 20-22. A concluding roundtable will be held on Dec. 2 within the Pitt modern languages community and will feature Jonathan Arac of English and the Humanities Center, John Lyon of German, Jonathan Platt of Slavic languages and literatures, Ron Zboray of communication, and Italian Fulbright distinguished lecturer Marco Cacculi, an Italian political economist housed in the Department of Political Science, who will also participate in the Pitt-Bradford Office of Institutional Advancement at 814-362-5091 or visit www.giveupshong.org.

Pitt-Bradford’s computer information systems and technology program will launch three new minors/concentrations this fall: applications software development, cyber security and digital forensics, and systems and network administration. The areas will be concentrations for students majoring in computer information systems and technology. Students who are pursuing other majors can add prerequisite courses to each concentration for a minor. Shushan Zhao has been hired to direct the security and forensics concentration/ minor. Program director Don Lewicki, faculty member in business management, and Ken Wang, a faculty member in computer information systems and technology, will oversee the other two areas.

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BUSINESS
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Maggie and Stella’s Cards and Gifts, a University gift shop at 209 Oakland Ave., will introduce several new lines of clothing and apparel this fall.

In response to increased demand, Panther Central will become a full-service office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, beginning this semester. Panther Central has been available 24/7, but was only full service 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Expanded overnight services include Panther Card printing, bulk ticket purchases and I-9 processing.

Dining Services has launched Pitt’s first food truck, the Panther Prowler grill on wheels.

In response to student requests, Dining Services has adjusted the hours at Market Central and The Perch at Sutherland, which will be open 24 hours a day, Sunday-Thursday.

Dining Services has installed a graywater system at Market Central as part of its efforts to reduce food waste. The system transforms food waste into liquid, which then can be released into the sewer system.

Housing Services has created a more concise request form for students making online maintenance requests.

BRADFORD CAMPUS
Longtime Pitt-Bradford facilities worker Jeff Armstrong is being remembered with a memorial bench near Tunungwant Creek, a tree and a scholarship. Armstrong, who worked at Pitt-Bradford for 40 years, died in October at the age of 60. (See Oct. 29, 2015, University Times.) The Pitt-Bradford Staff Association led the efforts to memorialize Armstrong, an avid outdoorsman. Continuing donations are needed to make the gift annually or endow a scholarship in Armstrong’s honor. To contribute, contact the Pitt-Bradford Office of Institutional Advancement at 814-362-5091 or visit www.giveupshong.org.

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In response to increased demand, Panther Central will become a full-service office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, beginning this semester. Panther Central has been available 24/7, but was only full service 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Expanded overnight services include Panther Card printing, bulk ticket purchases and I-9 processing.

Dining Services has launched Pitt’s first food truck, the Panther Prowler grill on wheels.

In response to student requests, Dining Services has adjusted the hours at Market Central and The Perch at Sutherland, which will be open 24 hours a day, Sunday-Thursday.

Dining Services has installed a graywater system at Market Central as part of its efforts to reduce food waste. The system transforms food waste into liquid, which then can be released into the sewer system.

Housing Services has created a more concise request form for students making online maintenance requests.

BRADFORD CAMPUS
Longtime Pitt-Bradford facilities worker Jeff Armstrong is being remembered with a memorial bench near Tunungwant Creek, a tree and a scholarship. Armstrong, who worked at Pitt-Bradford for 40 years, died in October at the age of 60. (See Oct. 29, 2015, University Times.) The Pitt-Bradford Staff Association led the efforts to memorialize Armstrong, an avid outdoorsman. Continuing donations are needed to make the gift annually or endow a scholarship in Armstrong’s honor. To contribute, contact the Pitt-Bradford Office of Institutional Advancement at 814-362-5091 or visit www.giveupshong.org.

Pitt-Bradford’s computer information systems and technology program will launch three new minors/concentrations this fall: applications software development, cyber security and digital forensics, and systems and network administration. The areas will be concentrations for students majoring in computer information systems and technology. Students who are pursuing other majors can add prerequisite courses to each concentration for a minor. Shushan Zhao has been hired to direct this concentration/ minor. Program director Don Lewicki, faculty member in business management, and Ken Wang, a faculty member in computer information systems and technology, will oversee the other two areas.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has designated the Pitt-Bradford campus a Tree Campus USA in recognition of UPB’s commitment to effective campus tree management.

BUSINESS
The Katz Graduate School of Business, in affiliation with UPMC, will offer an executive MBA in health care beginning in spring 2017. The 19-month program is designed to teach health care profession- als business analytics and leadership skills. Visit www.business.pitt.edu/katz/emba/ for healthcare for information.

The College of Business Administration has added a certificate in business analytics. Students will complete 15 credits in required and elective coursework and will learn about both the statistical and managerial sides of business analytics. New programs for undergraduate business students include:

- A double degree program that allows business students to combine their BSBA in business with a BA in health services offered by the College of General Studies. The program allows students to both specialize in business and learn about health care as an industry. The program will allow students to both specialize in business and learn about health care as an industry.

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and investments.

• The professional academies program, which gives students the opportunity to complete a series of workshops that gives them professional expertise in a specialization designed to complement their academic major. Workshops include real estate finance and professional sales.

• The Alumni-Student Mentoring Initiative, which gives students the opportunity to connect with alumni for career coaching. Students are able to search an online database of more than 200 alumni volunteers.

The MS-MIS program received the federal STEM designation. International students enrolled in the MS-MIS program are eligible to apply for the 24-month OPT extension on their student visa. With the OPT extension, international students graduating from the programs will be eligible to work in the U.S. for a total period of 36 months before switching to other employer-sponsored visas such as H1-B.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The University has expanded its Be A Good Neighbor block parties to five locations this fall with the addition of an event in South Oakland at Dan Marino Field. The neighborhood meet-and-greet events aim to help off-campus students form relationships with their long-term resident neighbors and with leaders in the Oakland and Pittsburgh communities. Oakland residents are invited to attend any of the block parties.

Block parties are set for:
• Sept. 8 at Oakland Square Parklet, 1 Oakland Square, for residents of the Oakland Square, Dawson and Parkview sections of Central Oakland.
• Sept. 15 at Niagara Parklet, 354 Craft Ave., for residents of the Oakcliffe section of South Oakland.
• Sept. 20 at Dan Marino Field, Dawson and Frazier streets, for residents of the Dithridge, North Craig and South Oakland.
• Sept. 22 at 234 N. Dithridge St., for residents of the Dithridge, North Craig and Centre Avenue sections of North Oakland.
• Sept. 29 at Oakland Career Center, 15434 Simple St., for residents of the core streets of Central Oakland near Forbes Avenue.

Now beginning its fifth year, the Be A Good Neighbor campaign includes the Student Guide to Campus Life publication, online software store will integrate with Panther-Software through an online software store and a virtual environment and analyzes whether they point to a safe or harmful site.

The new Qualtrics Insight Service provides additional resources for generating, analyzing and making data connections from surveys and polls. Features include data visualization methods and customized tools such as text analytics, response tagging methods and dynamically generated reports.

Advanced Threat Protection for My Pitt Email includes two features to help protect against targeted phishing attacks: Safe Links and Safe Attachments. Safe Links evaluates links in an email message in real time to determine whether they point to a safe or harmful site.

Safe Attachments scans attachments in a virtual environment and analyzes their behavior. Safe Attachments does not analyze attachments in real time, so there may be a short delay in delivery of email messages with attachments.

Pitt departments can look forward to ordering University site-licensed software through an online software store. The software store will integrate with Panther-Express and eliminate the use of paper requisitions when purchasing or renewing software through CSSD.

This fall, CSSD will begin the migration of faculty and staff Exchange email accounts to a secure cloud-based Office 365 solution.

DENTAL MEDICINE

The school is the recipient of a $1.97 million Title VII grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The funding will support the expansion of the current residency program in pediatric dentistry to include two new program tracks specializing in the care of patients in underserved rural settings and special needs populations. The aim of the program is to improve the quality and quantity of available dental health workforce in rural and underserved regions of western Pennsylvania, specifically in northern Appalachia.

The school’s Give Kids a Smile and Summer Smiles programs were selected to receive a $5,000 E. “Bud” Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award for the 2015-16 school year. The American Dental Association Foundation’s Tarrson award annually highlights significant dental student outreach to vulnerable communities within the U.S.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, with support from the Office of Human Resources organizational development department, has created a diversity and inclusion certificate program for University employees. The program is designed to provide employees with the knowledge and skills to help the University foster inclusive excellence and to reach its strategic goals relating to diversity and inclusion. A series of six introductory-level workshops, open to all faculty and staff, will address both individual behaviors and University policies that can impact an environment of opportunity and success for all members of the community. All workshops will be offered on a rotating basis each fall and spring through the faculty and staff development program. Participants also will be asked to participate in a capstone conversation session facilitated by a member of the Diversity and Inclusion office. Information will be posted at www.diversity.pitt.edu/ education-and-training.

EDUCATION

The school has launched a post-baccalaureate certificate of advanced study in teaching with an area of concentration in urban education. The 15-credit-hour program provides training to strengthen classroom relations between educators and diverse student populations. The certificate program is housed in the Department of Instruction and Learning and supported by the Center for Urban Education. For information, contact Erika Gold Kestenberg at enkagl@pitt.edu or 412-961-1994.

ENGINEERING

The Swanson School of Engineering will offer an environmental engineering major in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering beginning in 2016-17. Enrollment has begun and the first students who are adjusting their course requirements should graduate in April 2017. According to recent U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, employment of environmental engineers is projected to grow 12 percent between 2014 and 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.

The Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation has launched a new website (engineering.pitt.edu/mcsi) designed by the Swanson school’s web technology group.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), on the recommendation of its bioengineering division, established the ASME Savio LT Woor Translational Biomechanics Medal to recognize ASME members who have translated meritorious bioengineering science to clini-
A $400,000 grant from the Henry L. Hill-Trust Foundation substantially helped Pitt to build and establish the Electric Power Systems Laboratory and its Electrical Engineering program.

Pitt-Greensburg University has established a partnership that will allow undergraduate students majoring in education at Pitt-Greensburg to enter Seton Hill University's master of arts in special education upon graduation. Undergraduate majors in education will be able to cross-register for up to two Seton Hill graduate-level courses.

Pitt-Greensburg offers 13 graduate-level courses in digital humanities and digital methods, serve the Pitt-Greensburg's digital studies community.

Pitt-Greensburg now offers the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program, which is a three-year graduate program.

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- **CLC BioPathways Module:** CLC Microbial Genomics Module: next-generation sequencing (NGS) data analysis software primarily focused on cancer biology research.
- **Pathway Advisor:** Full web-based application for identifying biological pathways and key regulatory hubs linked to a list of differentially expressed genes.
- **Web-based clinical analysis:** A web-based tool for quick charging of electronic devices.

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A UV Splash Night Color Run is being added to the lineup of UPG’s Greensburg’s Blue & Gold Weekend: Homecoming 2016. Participants will be splashed with glow-in-the-dark colors at free stations along the course through the UPG campus. The event, set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30, will include vendors, food trucks and an after-party. Register online at www.PittNightColorRun.com, or in person starting at 5:30 p.m. the day of the event. Discounted registration ends Sept. 16.

**HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES**

The Department of Occupational Therapy now is offering a Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree. The OTD program is designed to develop the next generation of occupational therapists who will be able to implement evidence-based practice, understand care delivery models and be prepared to meet the future occupational needs of society. The OTD program is a nine-month on-campus program that grants master’s credits, including fieldwork education, an experiential mentorship and a capstone presentation. The OTD will replace the Master of Occupational Therapy program beginning in June 2017.

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The Innovation Institute is launching a new website (www.innovation.pitt.edu) to better engage faculty and students as well as those from industry and the entrepreneurial community.

This year’s Innovation Showcase is set for 4:7 p.m. Oct. 19 in the Alumni Hall Connolly Ballroom. Participants can view the latest in arts, technology, health care, materials, Internet of Things, information technology, analytics, energy and more, and network with these investors and founders, local entrepreneurs, investors and community leaders. Among the innovations will be the winners of the Michael Fields Innovation Challenge for its integrated “3+1+3” social entrepreneurs program, which allows Pitt students to earn an undergraduate business degree, perform a social entrepreneurship “gap” service year and earn a law degree, all in seven years.

The law school’s health care compliance online graduate certificate program welcomed its first cohort of 18 professionals in spring term.

In conjunction with the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, this spring the School of Law launched a public policy concentration, which makes it the only law school in the U.S. to offer a semester in D.C. program in conjunction with a graduate public policy school.

MEDICINE

The City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh have announced a partnership to develop an “interactive image.” The project will involve imaging. Students will design, implement, and test the tools and systems to infer biological patterns in large-scale biological datasets. The City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. The program aims to create a National Institute on Drug Abuse online module on safe prescribing for pain. This case-based module helps students to deepen their understanding of the skills and tools clinicians can use to screen for and prevent abuse in patients with chronic pain.

Meditative training will form the core of an undergraduate research program hosted by the Department of Biomedical Informatics in partnership with Carnegie Mellon, the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, Lincoln University and the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. It aims to build a foundation for a career path in biomedical informatics, which integrates mentors and research experience in the emerging fields of big data, computer science and biology and biomedical informatics.

The Department of Computational and Systems Biology has instituted a new course, Scalable Machine Learning for Biomedical Data. This course covers the basic techniques of machine learning and introduces techniques and systems to infer patterns in large-scale biological datasets. The course will use source material from genomic sciences, structural biology, drug discovery, systems modeling and biological imaging. Students will design, implement and test machine-learning algorithms in a distributed environment such as Apache Spark.

Students entering the School of Medicine this fall will begin learning about substance abuse and addiction medicine from their earliest days on campus. Although the School of Nursing has long included addiction medicine, 2016 will see a new, sharpened focus on opioid addiction. First-year medical students will undertake a special program on the fundamental causes and effects of the opioid crisis. In the fall, 2008 and 2014, more than 2,000 people died of opioid overdoses than from traffic accidents and homicides combined, according to the county Department of Health and Human Services. An eight-week ambulatory clerkship is a new course. Students will conduct a comprehensive case study in an outpatient setting, including pain that persists past an acute episode.

The Institute is being offered as a three-credit course to graduate students, emphasizing effective communication skills and the theoretical and philosophical context of our world’s digital culture.

MANAGEMENT

The Pitt-Pitt Legal Services Incubator, which was launched in 2015, has awarded a training fellowship. The program aims to train and place students as part-time attorneys. The Pitt Legal Services Incubator will be the first of its kind to offer a semester in D.C. program in conjunction with a graduate public policy school.

The School of Medicine is piloting a course that combines social determinants of medicine and molecular medicine. The course is based on the premise that the human body doesn’t function in a bubble: Different environments in which people live, work and play affect people’s health, and physicians and biomedical researchers are learning more about those effects. Social determinants of health — neighborhood and workplace pollutants and air quality, access to health care services — are growing in importance.

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the 78th floor of the World Trade Center
The Sept. 15 event is set for 7-9 p.m. in the Frick Fine Arts auditorium. The Office of Disability Resources Services will provide deaf interpretation and the University bookstore will sell books at the event. Hingson will be available to auto-
graph his books after the lecture.

PUBLIC AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
The Johnson Institute for Respon-
sible Leadership’s 2016 Emerging Leader
Award will be presented at 4 p.m. Oct. 19
at the University Club. This year’s honoree
is civil rights lawyer Alec Karakatsanis, co-
founder of the Washington, D.C.-based
organization Equal Justice Under Law.
Karakatsanis pursues justice for persons
who have been ignored or systematically
disadvantaged under the current justice
system. He has fought successfully against
the money bail system, debtors’ prisons and
other injustices. To RSVP for the
event, email fmlncshane@pitt.edu or call
412-648-1336.

PUBLIC HEALTH
The Graduate School of Public Health
and the Katz Graduate School of Business
have launched a joint MBA/MHA in health management. The degree pro-
gram will prepare students to lead a wide
range of organizations and agencies in the
health services. Students will gain key
business skills and specialized knowledge
in health care through a blend of courses in
management, finance, health care qual-
iﬁcation, outcomes measurement and
analytics. Over three years, they will
complete a 78-credit course of study as well
as a management residency in health care
services or health-related practice.

In support of the “Certiﬁed in Public Health” designation, the public health
school has developed a series of continuing
education programs (publichealth.pitt.edu/ cepce) to offer CPH recertiﬁcation credits
to participating alumni and other profes-
sionals in the ﬁeld. The school currently
pays the $385 registration fee for students
(and recent graduates) who sit for the exam,
provides free study guides and rebates a
portion of the exam fee for other alumni.

Public health’s incoming class will
include seven dean’s public health schol-
ars. This recently established program
supports outstanding incoming master’s
students from each department who receive
a 50 percent tuition scholarship to support
up to two years of full-time graduate
studies.

In response to interest from Pitt under-
graduates in global and public health, public
health is working to expand its 3-2 early
admission program for outstanding undergraduates. Qualiﬁed undergraduates
may apply in their junior year to begin
graduate coursework as seniors. Students
complete both their bachelor’s and master’s
degrees in ﬁve years.

PUBLIC SAFETY
The Department of Public Safety and
Emergency Management recently launched
emergency.pitt.edu. The website pro-
vides the Pitt community with emergency
updates, safety resources and other pre-
paredness information. It also serves to
connect the eﬀorts of Pitt’s police, envi-
nomental health and safety and integrated
security departments in maintaining a safe
campus.

REGIONAL CAMPUSES
Pitt-Greensburg and Pitt-Bradford
have earned national recognition as “Colleges of Distinction” by www.Col-
legesofDistinction.com. The Colleges of Distinction website and guidebook
recognize schools throughout the U.S.
for excellence in undergraduate-focused
higher education.

To earn the recognition, colleges and
universities must demonstrate results across four distinctions: engaged students, great
teaching, vibrant community and success-
ful outcomes. High school counselors
and educators make nominations, and each school is evaluated on key indicators
including student engagement, student
empowerment and curricular innovation.

SOCIAL WORK
The Pitt-assisted communities and
schools (PACS) program is housed in the
School of Social Work under the faculty
leadership of John Wallace and James
Huguley. PACS mobilizes Pitt resources
to enrich the lives of children, youth and
families and advances the University’s com-
mitment to transformative teaching,
research and community service.

Primarily focused on academic, health
and mental health support, PACS seeks to
serve students, parents, school personnel
and the community at large. The program
currently works with Fusion Elementary,
Lincoln Elementary and Westinghouse
Academy (6-12). For information visit
www.pacs.pitt.edu.

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Student Affairs recently revamped its
website at www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu
to make it more user friendly, adaptive
to mobile and tablet devices and intuitive
to navigate.

The oﬃce of Career Development
and Placement Assistance (CDPA) will
change the format and location of the annual Fall Career Fair. The event will
move from the Petersen Events Center
to the William Pitt Union and will transi-
tion from a two-day to a four-day event.
On Sept. 28 and 29, students in science,
technology, engineering and mathematics
(STEM) ﬁelds will meet with employers,
while students pursuing careers in business,
humanities and social sciences will connect
with employers on Oct. 5 and 6.

CDPA is rolling out Handshakes career
management software to help connect
students and new alumni with employers
seeking to hire interns and full-time employ-
ees. Handshake will replace FutureLinks.
The Outside the Classroom Curriculum,
which is now part of CDPA, will also be
utilizing a new software called Suitable to
track participation in the program. Suitable
is a platform that was designed by Pitt
business alumnus Mark Visco.

The University Counseling Center,
in an eﬀort to increase access for students
and reduce wait times, is expanding its
after-hours on-call services and has hired
additional counselors. The center also is
modifying its intake system to increase
expediency in responding to student needs.
If you are concerned about a student, call
the Counseling Center any time at 412-
648-7930.

Incoming students now are required
to complete three online modules prior
to arrival on campus to help them better
prepare for the college experience. New
students must complete a module on
sexual assault, alcohol use and, new this
year, ﬁnancial literacy.

Intramurals and Recreation has
changed its name to Campus Recreation to
better reﬂect the programs and services it
provides. Visit rec.pitt.edu for more infor-
mation on programs for faculty and staff.

Student Health Service, in collabora-
tion with HealthStratica, will expand the
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ning behaviors. PantherTRAC, funded by
a grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor
Control Board, uses positive interactive
text messages to reinforce appropriate
behaviors and discourage binge drinking
among Pitt students.

TITUSVILLE
Pitt-Titusville campus police and the
Pitt Police specialized emergency response
team participated with local public safety
agencies in an active shooter event train-
ing exercise last month on the Titusville
campus. The drill, designed to prepare
for an actual emergency, simulated shooters
opening ﬁre in the Student Union and
Henne Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY CENTER
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
The Pitt Global Operations Support
website (http://globaloperations.pitt.edu)
provides a central hub of information for
Offers a transatlantic studies certificate, To subscribe, contact the Global Studies practice on a national and global level. Meaning behind the decades-long policy of ambassador Dan Simpson discussing the topics are delivered by email, providing a cil of Pittsburgh, last month launched girls to become agents of change in their founder and president of Kakenya School of Education alumna, Ntaiya is "Woman of Impact," and awarded the journey to Pitt, their experiences here and in conjunction with globalinput/worldcafe to attend a session. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 11 in the William Union Kurtzman Room. Faculty are invited to "World Café: Global Credential," set for 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the William Union Kurtzman Room. Student leaders by invitation are invited to "World Café: Global Credential," set for 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the William Union Kurtzman Room. Student leaders by invitation are invited to "World Café: Global Credential," set for 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the William Union Kurtzman Room.

Globalinput/worldcafe to attend a session. The Global Plan is designed to educate the Pitt community on the University's goals for global engagement, generate discussion on how units across campus can collaborate and contribute to the objectives of the plan; and identify promising steps for implementation of select initiatives.

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