



The Associations of Senior and Emeritus Faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine (ASEF-PSOM) and the University of Pennsylvania (PASEF) celebrate the careers of the newly retired and emeritus faculty.



Vincent Arlet, MD

Orthopaedic Surgery at the Pennsylvania Hospital
Perelman School of Medicine

Vincent Arlet is the Chair of Spine Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His education includes BS (Mathematics & Sciences) from St. Louis De Gonzague in 1975 and MD (Medicine) Paris University in 1981. Throughout his career, Dr. Arlet has performed more than 3,000 spine deformity surgeries in adult and pediatric patients. His passion is to help people suffering from Scoliosis.



Paul H. Axelsen, MD

Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Biophysics, and Medicine -
Infectious Diseases
Perelman School of Medicine

After arriving at Penn in 1993, my research focused on computer-aided drug design, and my clinical work focused on HIV. A chance discovery in 1999 prompted me to refocus on the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease. I directed the core Medical Pharmacology course for our graduate program for 27 years, barely survived Covid-19 in 2020, and relocated to Colorado in 2023 where I continue to teach and consult.



Joseph Edward Bavaria, MD

Surgery

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Bavaria was Director of the Thoracic Aortic Surgery Program and Surgical Director of the Heart and Vascular Center, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bavaria was also the founder of the Penn Aorta Center, known nationally for comprehensive and innovative care. Since 2005, he has advanced the field of bicuspid aortic valve repair, helping save hundreds of valves. Overall, in his career, he has performed over 7000 valve procedures.



Joseph R. Berger, MD

Neurology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Berger joined the Penn faculty 10 years ago having returned to Philadelphia after a 40-year absence. He started his academic career at the University of Miami in the Departments of Neurology and Internal Medicine where he held the Whigham-Berger Chair for the study of the neurological complications of AIDS. He was the Chair of Neurology at the University of Kentucky for nearly 20 years before coming to Penn.



Wade Berrettini, MD, PhD

Psychiatry

Perelman School of Medicine

Wade Berrettini was the Karl E. Rickels Professor of Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine from 1998-2023. He earned his MD degree (1977) and PhD degree (Pharmacology, 1979) from Jefferson. The author of more than 400 peer-reviewed publications, his research interests include genetics, pharmacogenetics and medical treatment of addictions, mood disorders, schizophrenia and epilepsy.



Toni Bowers, PhD, MA

English

School of Arts and Sciences

Toni Bowers specializes in British and colonial North American writing and culture between 1750 and 1800. She is particularly interested in listening to women's voices from that time, and has been instrumental in foregrounding and interpreting their work. A recipient of numerous grants, fellowships and awards, she is proud of her long associations with Penn's Gender Studies Program, the College House System, and the McNeil Center for Early American Studies. In 2022, she was honored with the Ira Abrams Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching.



Margaret M. Bruchac, PhD

Anthropology

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Bruchac's multi-modal career includes performance, ethnohistory, archaeology, and museum anthropology, specializing in Indigenous material culture, repatriation, and representation. Her research has been supported by grants from the Mellon Foundation (2021) and School for Advanced Research (2012), among others. She founded the Native American and Indigenous Studies Initiative at Penn, and she continues to direct "The Wampum Trail," a restorative research project reconnecting wampum belts in museums with Indigenous communities.



Patricia D'Antonio, PhD, RN

Family and Community Health
School of Nursing

Dr. D'Antonio has focused on the history of nursing and healthcare. Her scholarship has stressed the importance of nursing to its professional and public communities. She is a member of the Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame and has served as past Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing and as the emeritus editor of the *Nursing History Review*.

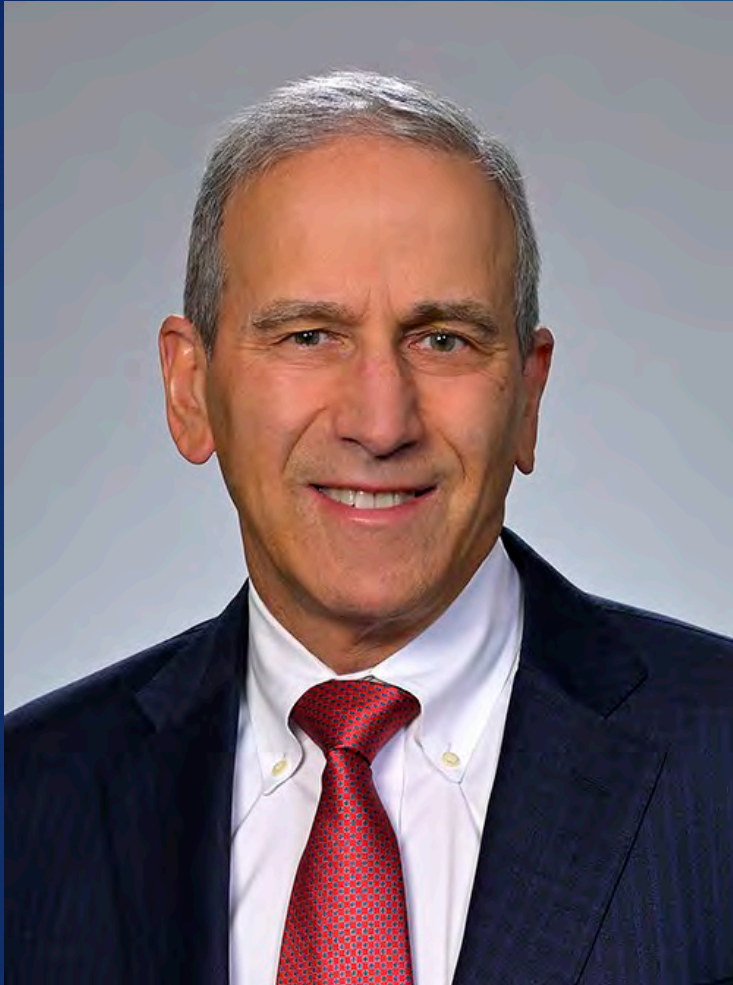


Benoit Desjardins, MD, PhD, FAHA, FACR, FNASCI

Radiology

Perelman School of Medicine

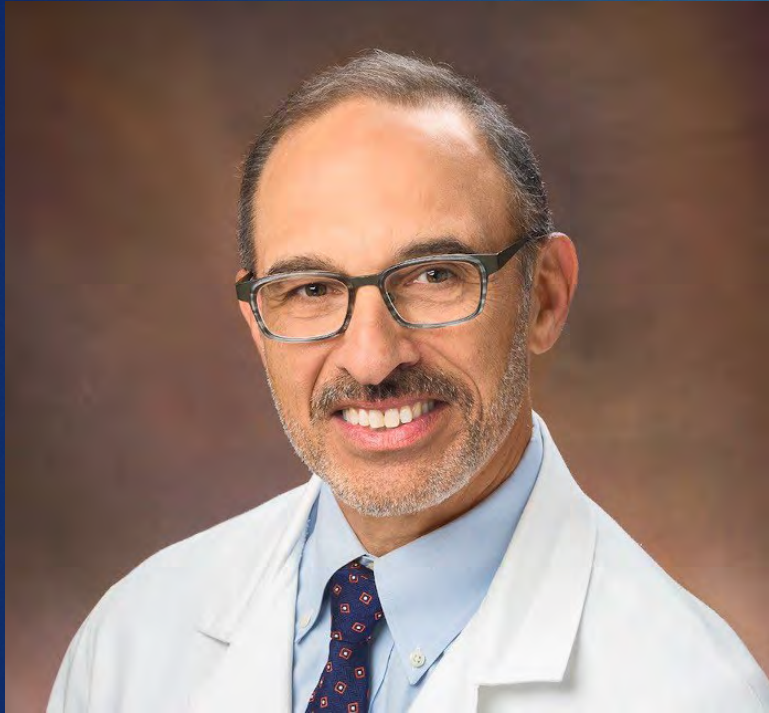
Dr. Desjardins has expertise in three different fields: (1) Cardiovascular Imaging. He is co-leader of the Arrhythmia Imaging Research laboratory, with research on cardiac electrophysiology. (2) Artificial Intelligence, the field of his PhD. His expertise is on AI applied to medical imaging. (3) Cybersecurity. He is a radiologist by day and a hacker by night. He has been a computer programmer for decades. He is a consultant for the FBI.



Gary W. Falk, MD, MS

Medicine/ Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Falk has focused his career on patient care, clinical research and education in esophageal diseases. Since coming to Penn in 2010, he developed a new multidisciplinary esophageal clinical program and has been part of multidisciplinary NIH U54 translational funding in both Barrett's esophagus and eosinophilic esophagitis over the past 10 years. He is a recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award, Sidney Cohen GI Fellowship Teacher of the Year Award twice, AGA Distinguished Clinician Award, AGA Imaging & Advanced Technology Section Research Mentor Award.



Jeffrey M. Feldman, MD, MSE, FASA

Anesthesiology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Feldman focused his career on patient safety and technology in anesthesia care. He is a past president of the Society for Technology in Anesthesia and received the JS Gravenstein lifetime achievement award. He edited the Section on Computing and Technology for Anesthesia and Analgesia and the Journal of Clinical Monitoring. Other notable roles were Division Chief for General Anesthesia at CHOP and Anesthesiology board examiner. He is a board member of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation.



Kevin R. Fox, MD

Hematology-Oncology
Perelman School of Medicine

Kevin came to Penn in 1984 for a fellowship in Hematology and Oncology after medical school and residency at Johns Hopkins. He joined the Hematology-Oncology faculty in 1987 as the division's sixth medical oncologist. He established a concentration in the treatment of breast cancer, was the first Director of the Rena Rowan Breast Center and served as its director for 19 years. He received the IS Ravdin Master Clinician Award in 2002, and is a charter member of Penn's Academy of Master Clinicians.



Douglas N. Frenkel, JD

Penn Carey Law

Douglas N. Frenkel, Morris Shuster Practice Professor of Law, was the architect of Penn's clinical legal education program, serving as its director from 1980 to 2008. He founded and led Penn's Mediation Clinic for over three decades. Best known among Frenkel's publications is *The Practice of Mediation: A Video-Integrated Text*, a book he co-authored that has been adopted for classroom use at over 70 law schools in the U.S. and other nations. He currently serves as a dispute resolution neutral in a variety of areas.



Yale E. Goldman, MD, PhD

Physiology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Yale Goldman obtained MD and PhD degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and was a Post-doctoral Fellow at University College London, UK. He was a professor of Physiology, director of the Pennsylvania Muscle Institute at the School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania and Associate Director of the Nano/Bio Interface Center. His laboratory studies molecular motors and protein synthesis.



Sarah Barringer Gordon, PhD, JD, MA

History

Penn Carey Law

Gordon's training and research have been in legal history, especially but not only the history of church and state across American national history. Her teaching has been focused on constitutional law, property, and legal history. She is a recipient of the Lindback Teaching Award, and has been dedicated to the interdisciplinary JD/PhD program at Penn, which she helped found. Gordon has also been president of the American Society for Legal History and was elected an honorary fellow in 2023.

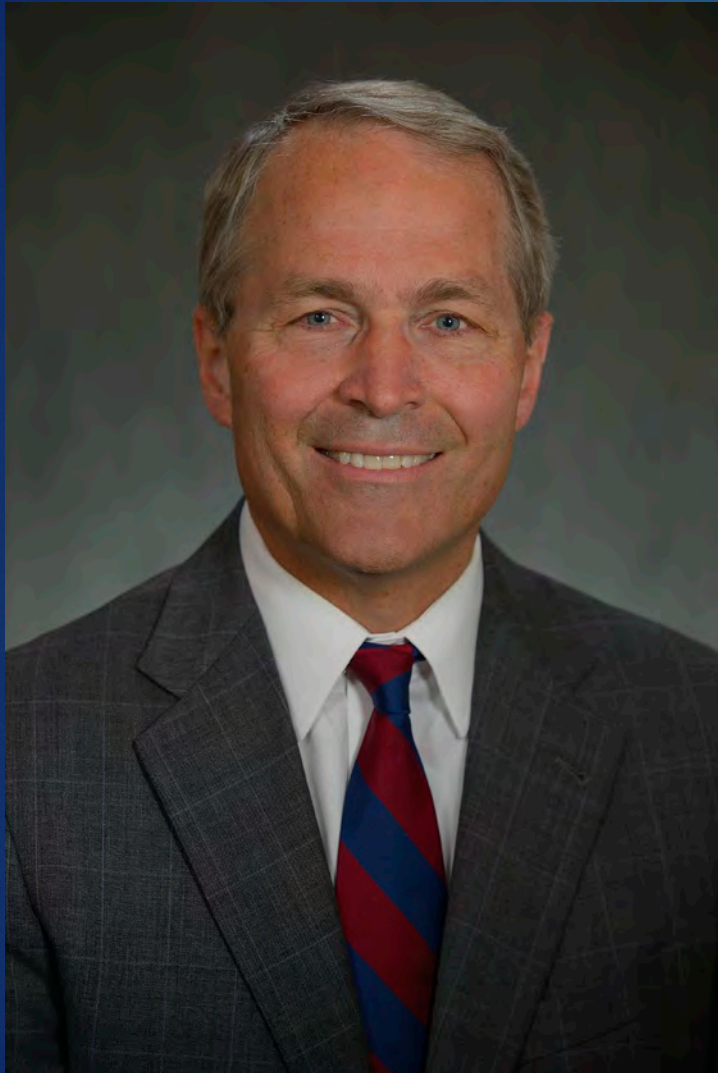


Robert C. Gorman, MD

Surgery

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Gorman was the Director of Cardiac Surgical Research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His research involved the etiology and treatment of heart failure and valve disease. Dr. Gorman's primary interests included: 1.) device, cell and biomaterials approaches to preventing heart failure after myocardial infarction; 2.) development of percutaneous technologies for valve repair/replacement and 3.) 3D cardiovascular imaging.



M. Sean Grady, MD

Neurosurgery

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Grady was recruited to Penn as the chair of the newly formed Department of Neurosurgery in 1999. In the subsequent 21 years as chair, he was privileged to participate in the transformation of Penn Medicine and develop the Department into its exceptional position as an academic program. His most gratifying accomplishment has been recruiting and leading the men and women who make the Department a thriving and authentic community.

Mark A. Helfaer, MD

Anesthesiology and Critical Care
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Helfaer has served as a Senior Anesthesiologist and Attending Physician in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, and as the Vice President of Children's Anesthesia Associates, both at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



Paula Henthorn, PhD

Clinical Sciences & Advanced Medicine
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Henthorn's research has focused on characterizing and treating genetic diseases in dogs and cats, developing new DNA-based genetic tests for a number of canine diseases. She serves as Chief, Section of Medical Genetics, in the Vet School. She was a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and served for a number of years on the University Council Committee on Personnel Benefits and the University Council Committee on Academic Affairs.



Eve Juliet Higginbotham SM, MD, ML

Ophthalmology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Higginbotham served for a decade as the inaugural Vice Dean for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity. In that role she built the infrastructure for continued institutional progress toward inclusive excellence, focusing on diverse faculty recruitment, retention, and culture. She is a glaucoma specialist, Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and Professor of Ophthalmology. She is an elected member of the NAM Council, member of AAAS, and a graduate of MIT, HMS, and Penn Carey Law.



Jerry A. Jacobs, PhD

Sociology

School of Arts and Sciences

Jerry A. Jacobs has taught sociology at Penn since 1983, directly after completing his PhD at Harvard. Jacobs has served as the Editor of the *American Sociological Review* and is the Founding President of the Work and Family Researchers Network. His five books and nearly 100 articles have examined women's careers, gender segregation in occupations and education; gender work and family; interdisciplinarity in research universities; and the future of work.



William D. James MD, FAAD

Dermatology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. James' career centered on education and service to organized medicine. He received the Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award in Graduate Medical Education. He served as President of the American Academy of Dermatology and received mentorship and lifetime educator awards from numerous national organizations. Dr. James is the senior author of six editions of a textbook of dermatology.



Nancy Kassam-Adams, PhD

Pediatrics

Perelman School of Medicine

For over two decades, Dr. Kassam-Adams has led research on understanding how children and families respond to potentially traumatic events such as medical emergencies, injury, and violence. She has led an international data archive of childhood trauma studies, directed the Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress, served as a president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, and has been appointed to several related national and international expert consensus groups.



Marcelo Gabriel Kazanietz, PhD

Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Kazanietz earned an MSc (Pharmacy), an MSc (Biochemistry) and a PhD (Pharmacology) from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was a professor of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics. Dr. Kazanietz studies the receptors for the phorbol ester tumor promoters and the second messenger diacylglycerol (DAG). He has shown receptors such as protein kinase C and chimaerins have important roles as intracellular mediators of proliferation and malignant transformation.



Ian D. Krantz, MD

Pediatrics and Medical Genetics
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Krantz, a passionate clinician, investigator and educator, has dedicated his career to elucidating the underlying molecular basis of rare genetic conditions and leveraging that information to improve the care and outcomes of affected children. He received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching (2005). He founded and directed the Center for Cornelia de Lange Syndrome and Related Diagnoses and the Robert's Individualized Medical Genetics Center at CHOP.



Terri Marilyn Laufer, MD

Medicine

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Laufer served as an attending rheumatologist at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC) and the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. She was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 2005. Her research focused on the thymic selection, peripheral activation, and tolerance of CD4+ T cells. Dr. Laufer has also been an ardent advocate of women in scientific research and has mentored numerous immunology graduate students.



Issam A. Mardini, MD, PhD

Anesthesiology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Issam Mardini received his medical degree from Damascus University and completed his residency at the University of Damascus Hospital and Temple University Hospital. He completed a fellowship in Anesthesiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a hospice and palliative medicine specialist with specific expertise in pain management and perioperative care.



James Robert McKay, PhD

Psychology in Psychiatry
Perelman School of Medicine

James Robert McKay served as the Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs' Center of Excellence in Substance Addiction Treatment and Education (CESATE). Dr. McKay's area of expertise was alcohol and drug use disorders. He provided individual treatment through the Charles O'Brien Center at Penn, and he conducted research to develop and evaluate new interventions to facilitate and support long-term recovery from substance use disorders.



Jonathan D. Moreno, PhD

Medical Ethics and Health Policy
Perelman School of Medicine
History and Sociology of Science
School of Arts and Sciences

Prof. Moreno is a philosopher and historian who works at the intersection of bioethics, science policy and national security. He is a member of the National Academies Committee on Human Rights and has served as a staff member or adviser to many governmental and non-governmental organizations, including three U.S. presidential commissions. He is a recipient of the Penn Alumni Faculty Award of Merit (2016) and the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Lifetime Achievement Award (2018).



Mark A. Morgan, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Morgan joined Penn's faculty in 1988 and was instrumental in developing the clinical trials program in gynecologic oncology. He progressed to full professor and became the first chief of Urogynecology. He also traveled to East Africa for 10 years to treat women with obstetric fistulas. He was chief of Gynecologic Oncology from 2013-2023 and built the current program with a robust laboratory and clinical research program that now extends throughout the health system.



Gail Morrison, MD

Medicine

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Morrison was Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education and the main force behind the transformation of the medical school curriculum at Penn – Curriculum 2000. This served as a model for many medical schools across the country. Her leadership in medical education was recognized nationally by her receiving the AOA Robert J. Glazer Distinguished Teacher Award of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) in 2018.



Una O'Doherty, MD, PhD

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. O'Doherty received a BS in Biochemistry from Barnard College, a PhD from Rockefeller University, and an MD from Cornell University Medical College. Her research focuses on ways to address reservoirs of latent, treatment-resistant HIV using Fiber-optic Array Scanning Technology to identify rare cells that can express HIV proteins at high levels. She also studies HIV reservoirs using an in vitro model to probe differences between the latent and productive states of HIV infection.



Steven Eugene Raper, MD, JD, MA (Hon)

Surgery

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Raper was the Vice Chair for Quality and Risk Management for the PSOM's Dept. of Surgery. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Illinois, and completed his residency in general surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. He joined the Penn faculty in 1993 and received his law degree from Penn's Law School in 2012. His academic interests focused on health law-related topics, especially informed consent, healthcare reform, and risk reduction strategies for medical malpractice.



Iris Reyes, MD

Emergency Medicine

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Reyes's passion for DEI efforts during her 35 years at Penn led to her founding the Alliance of Minority Physicians (2012). AMP promotes the success of minority trainees at Penn Med and CHOP. AMP's efforts have led to an exponential increase in the diversity of trainees and faculty. Her honors include induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, the AOA Honor Medical Society, and the Academy of Master Clinicians.



Paul M. Robins, PhD

Psychiatry at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Robins is a pediatric psychologist and has served as the Director of the Center for Family Care in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at CHOP. His research interests have included chronic abdominal pain and secondary traumatic stress. He has won several awards and honors including the 2014 Diane Willis award from the Society of Pediatric Psychology and the 2015 Cynthia D. Belar Education Advocacy Award Distinguished Service Award from the American Psychological Association.



Ralph M. Rosen, PhD

Classical Studies

School of Arts and Sciences

Ralph Rosen's research and teaching interests across his 40-year career at Penn have focused on ancient Greek and Roman literature, especially comedy, intellectual history and ancient medicine. He co-founded Penn's Center for Ancient Studies in 1995, and in 2000 the Penn-Leiden Colloquia on Ancient Values. He received the SAS Ira Abrams award for distinguished teaching in 2002, and has served as the SAS Associate Dean of Graduate Education (2008-2013).



Rudolf Roth, MD

Medicine/Dermatology
Perelman School of Medicine

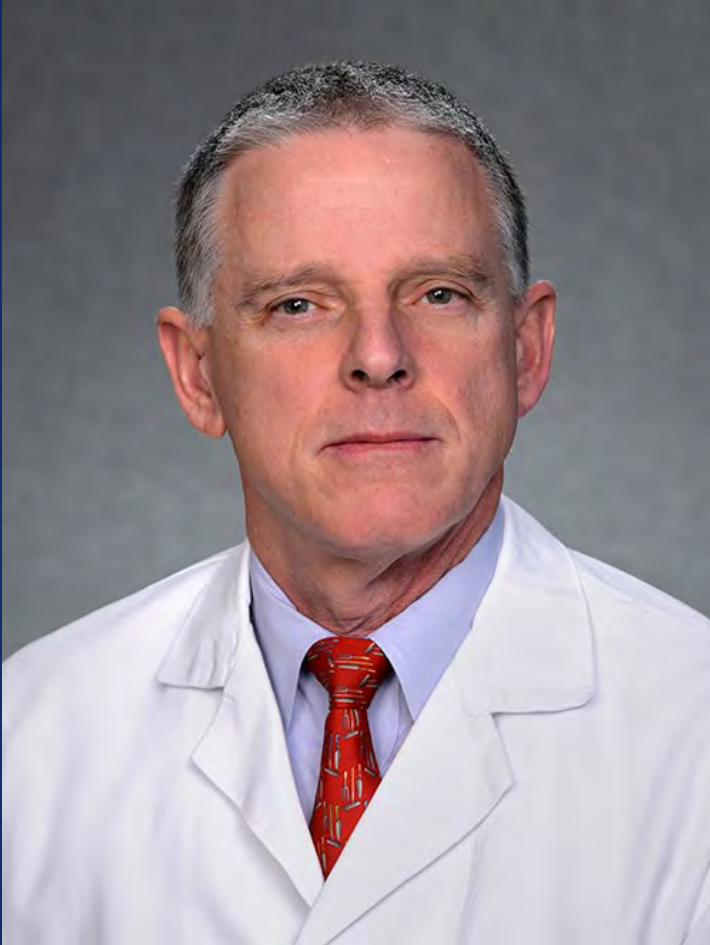
After graduating from the Air Force Academy, Dr. Roth went to USUHS for medical school, was an F-15 Flight surgeon, and trained in dermatology at Walter Reed. After 30 years in the Air Force, he joined Penn as the director of medical dermatology at Radnor, a Professor of Clinical Dermatology, and helped create a global dermatology program with partnerships in Haiti, Guatemala, and Peru. He was awarded a Dean's Award for teaching innovation (2015).



Eduardo D. Ruchelli, MD

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Ruchelli's areas of expertise include fetal and perinatal pathology, pathologic evaluation of the pancreas in congenital hyperinsulinism and pediatric liver and gastrointestinal diseases, with particular research interests in eosinophilic esophagitis and congenital hyperinsulinism. He has served as the Director of the Pediatric Pathology Fellowship Program at CHOP.



J. Eric Russell, MD

Medicine, Hematology-Oncology
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Russell started his 40-year odyssey at Penn as a medical intern in 1984. His career interests have sharply focused on congenital disorders of globin-gene expression—especially sickle-cell disease and thalassemia—as an NIH-funded investigator, provider and Scientific Director of the Penn Comprehensive Sickle-Cell Program, and mentor to the next generation of classical research and clinical hematologists.



Steven S. Scherer, MD, PhD

Neurology

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Scherer is the Ruth Wagner Van Meter and J. Ray Van Meter Professor and the Director of the Penn Neurogenetics Therapy Center. Finding the causes of peripheral neuropathy has been the focus of his clinical and laboratory research - a collaborative effort involving physicians and scientists from around the world, as well as patients and patient-led organizations.



Judy A. Shea†, PhD

Medicine

Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Shea served as the Associate Dean for Assessment and Medical Education Research, Co-Director of the Master of Science in Health Policy Research and Director of Faculty Development for DGIM. At Penn she received the FOCUS Award for the Advancement of Women in Medicine (2009), the Arthur K. Asbury Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (2018), and the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2020), the University's highest teaching honor.

†Posthumously: Date of Death: March 14, 2024



Jeffrey H. Silber, MD, PhD

Pediatrics and Anesthesiology & Critical Care (Oncology)
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Silber has served as the Nancy Abramson Wolfson Endowed Chair in Health Services Research at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a Senior Fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the Wharton School, an Associate Scholar for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the PSOM and Professor of Health Care Management at the Wharton School. He has been an internationally recognized authority on outcomes measurements and severity adjustment in both pediatric and adult applications.



Michael Solomon, PhD

**School of Letters and Science/Spanish and Portuguese
School of Arts and Sciences**

Michael Solomon is an expert in medieval Spanish literature, as well as Spanish and Latin American cinema. He has authored book-length studies on early modern vernacular medical treatises and the relationship between medieval medicine and misogyny. At Penn, he pioneered courses and directed dissertations on Spanish cinema. One of his most renowned courses, "Don Quixote" is highly popular among students.



Marilyn Jordan Taylor, M Arch

Weitzman School of Design

Marilyn Taylor has had a distinguished career, both as an academic and as a practitioner. She served as Dean of the Weitzman School of Design for 8 years, coming to Penn after serving as the first woman Chair of Skidmore Owings & Merrill. She is an expert in using public space and infrastructure to shape urban districts and civic places and in transportation. Her works include designs for major airports and air terminals and for major public spaces worldwide.



Diane Waff, EdD

Graduate School of Education

Diane Waff, Director Emerita of the Philadelphia Writing Project and a literacy educator, works with secondary and community college teachers to develop innovations in curriculum and instruction that increase students' access to higher levels of literacy learning. She joined the PhilWP, a collaboration of GSE with teachers in Philadelphia public, private and parochial schools, in 1991 while an English and Special Education teacher and became its director in 2010.



Arthur Waldron, PhD

History

School of Arts and Sciences

Arthur Waldron is a historian of mid-20th century China focusing on nationalism and the sequelae of war and violence. Prior to joining the History Department in 1997, he taught strategy and policy at the U.S. Naval War College and has maintained close ties with the policy community throughout his career. “I am particularly interested in how war affects participants and society, transforming institutions, social relations, even culture and the arts.”



Lili Wang, PhD

Gene Therapy Program
Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Wang received her PhD in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She was the Research Associate Professor and Research Director at the Gene Therapy Program. Her expertise lies in the development of in vivo gene therapy for rare genetic diseases. Her recent research focuses on in vivo genome editing/gene targeting as novel treatment approaches for liver metabolic diseases in mouse models and nonhuman primates.



Richard Weller, MLA

Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning
Weitzman School of Design

Richard Weller, former chair of landscape architecture and urbanism, is co-founder of the Ian L. McHarg Center for Urbanism and Ecology, co-founder and former creative director of LA+ Interdisciplinary Journal of Landscape Architecture, and co-founding director of Australian design firm Room 4.1.3. Weller's work has been frequently exhibited in galleries such as the Guggenheim in New York, the Venice Biennale, and the Chinese Academy of Fine Art in Beijing.



Helen Wheeler-Aceto, PhD, VMD

Veterinary Epidemiology
School of Veterinary Medicine

Helen Wheeler-Aceto has been Director of Biosecurity at the New Bolton Center of the School of Veterinary Medicine. Her research interests include epidemiology of Salmonella in cattle and horses, development and implementation of biosecurity and disease control strategies for animal healthcare and community settings, and assessment of veterinary surveillance models for hospital and community-based applications.



Yin Ling Irene Wong, PhD

Social Policy and Practice

Dr. Wong practiced community organizing for a decade before pursuing an academic career. Since joining Penn in 1995, she has undertaken research programs spanning the fields of mental health, homelessness, housing, and disabilities. A cross-cutting theme across her projects is social inclusion. She is currently the S R Nathan Visiting Professor of Social Work, National University of Singapore.



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