Association of Senior & Emeritus Faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine

Reception for New Emeritus Faculty
November 4, 2015
Fall 2015
Emeritus Program and Reception
in recognition and celebration of newly retired faculty

4:30 P.M.
Arrival
Wine and Cheese

4:50 P.M.
Welcome
Anita A. Summers, DHL
PASEF President
Anna T. Meadows, MD
ASEF-PSOM Past-President

Speaker Introduction
Jeanne C. Myers, PhD
ASEF-PSOM President

Greetings
Reed E. Pyeritz, MD, PhD
William Smilow Professor of Medicine
Chair, Faculty Senate of the University of Pennsylvania

New Emeritus Faculty Presentations
Jeanne C. Myers, PhD
Jack H. Nagel, PhD
PASEF Past-President

5:50 P.M.
Reception
Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres

The Associations of
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and the University of Pennsylvania (PASEF)

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Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Sweeten Alumni House | 3533 Locust Walk
University of Pennsylvania
ASEF-PSOM Faculty Retirees Honored on November 4, 2015

**Dr. Jaclyn Biegel** received her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh, and was a post doctoral fellow at Duke and the University of Pittsburgh in hematology oncology. She moved to the Department of Pediatrics at Penn in 1984, and was appointed Professor in 2005. She is internationally recognized for her molecular and genetic research of the highly aggressive rhabdoid malignancies in children. Upon retiring this year, she began a new position as Professor of Pediatrics at USC and Children’s Hospital of LA. We wish her continued success.

**Dr. Morris Birnbaum** earned BA, MD and PhD degrees from Brown, completed a residency at Barnes Hospital, and postdoctoral training at UCSF and Sloan Kettering. In 1995, he joined the faculty of Penn from Harvard, was a Howard Hughes Investigator and retired as the Willard and Rhoda Ware Professor of Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases in the Department of Medicine. His research focused on regulation of metabolic pathways in liver, muscle and adipose during loss of insulin. He is now Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of the Cardiovascular and Metabolic Disease Research Unit at Pfizer, is in Boston today and regrets not being able to be here with us.

**Dr. Stanley Caroff** received his BA from Columbia University, MD from Mt. Sinai, and trained at Roosevelt and Montefiore Hospitals. He joined Penn in 1979 as a postdoctoral trainee, fellow and then the faculty in Psychiatry. He was appointed Professor in 1997 and also Director of the Inpatient Psychiatry Program at the VA Medical Center and dedicated to the treatment of patients with serious mental illness and addictions. Dr. Caroff has received numerous clinician and teaching awards, and is a Founding Member of the Academy of Master Clinicians. He said that he is deeply honored and enormously proud to have taught and pursued research at Penn for more than 35 years and to have provided care for the veterans who returned home from Viet Nam and more recent conflicts, as well as his availability to their families. The memories he especially cherishes are of his wife Rosalind, his children both now trained in medicine; the brilliant faculty at Penn Med, wonderful friends and dedicated staff at the VA, the inspiring students, residents and fellows, and especially the veteran’s themselves “whose lives we touched and who enriched our own, as we worked together to ease their burdens and enable them to live their lives in peace”. We are delighted he is with us today!

**Dr. Theodore Cheek** received his degrees and training in California, BA at Pacific Union College and MD at Loma Linda University where he was as an intern, resident and fellow in cardiovascular anesthesia and intensive care. From the faculty at Loma Linda, he moved East to Penn in 1982 in the Department of
Anesthesiology and Critical Care and ObGyn, was Director of Obstetric Anesthesia for 22 years, a member of the ObGyn Steering committee and retired as Associate Professor Emeritus. Dr. Cheek said that it has been an honor to be a member of the Penn faculty and Department of Anesthesia and ObGyn for 33 years. His highlights included providing pain relief for laboring women and those needing elective and emergency surgery, establishing safe anesthetic approaches to delivering the fetus in distress, and development of less toxic local anesthetics. “Helping Scott Adzick initiate the fetal therapy program in the late 90s was an exciting and unique challenge. Most rewarding was the interaction with so many amazing young residents in anesthesia, obstetrics and surgery. I think I gained more from them than they did from me.” Dr. Cheek expected to attend our event but is in New York today at a memorial service for a close friend.

**Dr. Alvin Chin** graduated from Harvard, received his MD from Stanford, and trained in medicine and cardiology at Boston Children’s Hospital and Mass General. In 1984, he joined the Pediatrics faculty at Penn and CHOP, and appointed professor in 2002. In addition to patient care, he conducted an intense clinical and basic research program focusing on cardiopulmonary development, and molecular basis and noninvasive imaging of congenital heart disease. He is unable to be here today, but wrote “I served on the Faculty 2000 Initiative organized by Dr. Saunders (i.e., the Working Group on Senior and Emeritus Faculty, ASEF), and it gave me a chance to meet and work alongside lots of awe-inspiring faculty I would otherwise have not met. The formation of ASEF was a terrific result of the Faculty 2000 recommendations.” And now 15 years later at this ASEF event, we thank you for all your work.

**Dr. Mortimer Civan** was awarded his AB and MD degrees from Columbia, pursued postgraduate training at Presbyterian Hospital in NYC, and a fellowship at Harvard where he was also a member of the faculty. He joined Penn in 1972 as Associate Professor and after 43 years of service here, including being one of the founders of ASEF, he retired as Emeritus Professor of Physiology. In his words, “The single strongest impression I have of the University is the collegiality, breadth and quality of the Faculty, the quality of the students, and of the openness of the Faculty to collaborations. Many of these collaborations strongly influenced the thrust of my research”. Working with the Ted Krupin in Ophthalmology proved so intriguing that he changed his lab’s focus from renal physiology to the study of intraocular pressure and treatment of glaucoma. He maintains Penn collaborations and with Amita Sehgal and Richard Stone, recently reported their studies of the circadian rhythm of the aqueous humor dynamics. Currently, he is collaborating with Claire Mitchell in the Dental School, and with Paul Janmey in the Institute for Medicine and Engineering, and with his collaborators has
published over 160 peer-reviewed papers. We welcome him here today and extend our congratulations.

**Dr. Beverly Coleman** received her MD from Harvard, interned in Michigan and then moved to Penn. “I was a pioneer in the radiology department initially owned as a private practice operating out of the main hospital at 3400 Spruce when I arrived in 1975 as the first African American female resident I am sure. By the time I joined the faculty in 1978, Dr Stanley Baum, the new chairman, made the department into a stellar academic center under the auspices of the university. I thought I would be at HUP forever but obstetrical ultrasound was always my area of imaging interest and ultrasound was in its infancy. Our first old machines printed paper photographs on polaroid type images laid out on stretchers to dry. After travelling back and forth to CHOP, I decided to retire from HUP and join the faculty here in 2014 to solidify the fetal therapy program in the Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment. We now deliver babies at CHOP in this unique center, the first in the world. We operate on fetuses before birth to repair defects like spina bifida and do a lot of special procedures here on abnormal twins and other anomalies. I perform the initial ultrasound imaging, thoroughly enjoy my work and am trying to make sure everything runs flawlessly before I retire for all time in about 5 years!! A 3 part PBS series on our CHOP fetal therapy program aired last year called “Twice Born” and I was featured in that series which took 3 years to film! Thank you for all your wonderful memories, and we are delighted you are attending tonight’s celebration!

**Dr. John Dormans** received his BA and MD degrees from Indiana University, completed a residency in orthopedic surgery at Michigan State, and a fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. After training at Harvard's School of Public Health and CHOP, he was appointed assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Penn '91, and professor in 2000. His work was focused on pediatric spinal deformity and musculoskeletal tumors and reported in numerous articles. He received countless awards, was the director of CHOP's pediatric orthopedic fellowship program and president of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. Dr. Dormans is now Chief of Orthopaedics at Texas Children’s Hospital and Professor at Baylor and sends his regrets for being unable to be here today.

**Dr. Jonas Ellenberg** attended the University of London School of Economics, graduated from Wharton with a BS, and Harvard with PhD in Statistics. After postgraduate training at Harvard, for 25 years he was Chief in the Biometry Branch in the NIH Neurological Disorders and Stroke focused on pediatric neurological disorders and then became Vice-president at Westat Corporation in Bethesda working on adolescent AIDS. He has published over 150 articles
including those at Penn, which he joined as Professor in 2004. “When my wife and I were offered positions at Penn Med, I was hesitant about my ability to teach students, having received a "Stay away from Ellenberg" review in the Harvard Crimson Confidential Guide as a Teaching Assistant some five decades ago. I did not feel that my experience in lecturing outside of the classroom would give me the background for working with students effectively. I was wrong; the teaching experience has been the greatest joy of my years at Penn.” Dr. Ellenberg retired as Emeritus Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and we are very happy you joined us tonight.

Dr. Henry Edmunds was awarded a BS from the University of Washington and MD from Harvard Medical School. He was an intern, resident and teaching fellow in surgery at Mass General and in between, served 2 years as lieutenant in the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda. He was appointed as assistant and then associate professor at UCSF in the Cardiovascular Research Institute, and was recruited to Penn in 1973 as the William Maul Measey Professor of Surgery. Dr. Edmunds served as Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery in the School of Medicine and CHOP, and retired as the Julian Johnson Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery. For over 40 years, he served in numerous roles in many journals, including the Journals of Surgical Research and Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and from 2000-2015, Dr. Edmunds was the Editor of The Annals of Thoracic Surgery. He held several leadership positions with prestigious academic organizations including the American College of Surgeons, America Heart Association, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and several N.I.H. Study Sections. We congratulate him this evening.

Dr. Nigel Fraser grew up in Scotland, received his PhD from Glasgow University, and was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to work at the Rockefeller University. He moved to Philadelphia as an Assistant Professor at the Wistar, studying Herpes Simplex virus infections in Dr Koprowski's group. He later joined the Dept of Microbiology in the Medical School, appointed professor in 1993, directed the Virology Training grant, and maintained his HSV Program Project. He said he was proud to initiate the Micro Department afternoon tea ritual whereby faculty could meet informally and discuss current issues, and was deeply touched by the retirement symposium and dinner organized by the department and the many returning students, post docs, and fellows. Now retired in Irvine CA, Nigel volunteers in the Medical School at UCI. Presently he is visiting collaborators in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, which is why he cannot be here today.

Dr. Robert Fry graduated from Oklahoma City University and Washington University School of Medicine. He was an intern and surgical resident at The
Jewish Hospital in St. Louis and Cleveland Clinic, served in the Air Force as a Major, and joined the faculty at Washington University and then Jefferson. In 2002, he came to Penn and was appointed Emilie and Roland deHellebranth Professor, specializing in colon and rectal surgery and named Penn's first Chief in that surgical subspecialty. He was Chair of Surgery at Pennsylvania Hospital, and has been President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Dr. Fry has a family priority or he would have been with us today. We wish him the best.

**Dr. Trevor Hadley** attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and University of Pittsburgh where he received his PhD in Psychology. After postgraduate training at Columbia and Harvard, he joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, moved to the Department of Psychiatry at Penn in 1986 and was promoted to Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry in 1996 with a secondary appointment in the School of Social Policy. Dr. Hadley served for 20 years as director of Penn’s Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research and was also State Mental Health Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Maryland. He has over 100 publications and is responsible for carrying out numerous research projects involving the integration of mental health data on hospital and community services and the impact of financing mechanisms on the quality of care delivered in the public mental health system and the issues of homelessness and serious mental illness. He is not here this evening.

**Dr. Bruce Heppenstall** earned his BS and MD degrees from the University of Manitoba, interned at Winnipeg General Hospital, and moved to Penn in 1969 as a Fellow and Resident in Orthopaedic Surgery. Following time at UCLA, he returned to Penn as Instructor and was appointed Professor in 1981. During this 43 year period on the faculty, he also worked at CHOP, was Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at the VA Hospital, and Chair of COAP. In addition to teaching residents and medical students, and patient care for which he was awarded the Kappa Delta Elizabeth Winston Lanier Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the highest award nationally in orthopedic surgery, he pursued an active research career and authored over 100 articles. His work in bone electrophysics and physiologic optimization of fracture healing was carried out with Carl Brighton; Dr. Heppenstall then developed an interest in tissue ischemia which resulted in a collaboration with Britton Chance in NMR studies on derangements of intracellular energy metabolism. He served as a member of the ASEF Executive Council and we’re delighted he joined us today.

**Dr. Howard Hurtig** graduated from Tulane with his BA and MD degrees, was an intern and resident at Cornell Medical Center and served in the U.S. Public Health, Heart Disease and Stroke Control in Atlanta. He came to HUP as a resident in
Neurology, joined the faculty in 1973, promoted to professor in 1987 and became the Elliot Professor of Neurology, member of the Class of the Academy of Master Clinicians and received the Ravdin Master Clinician Award. “I cannot overstate the good fortune and privilege to have worked in a profession with the profound responsibility of helping people manage to live with neurological illnesses. Any wisdom I have gained from my experience in the practice of medicine has come to me from the unique opportunity to learn from the people I have tried to help. I am forever indebted to the people with illness who have shared my world, and they are the unrivaled heroes of that world. I cannot imagine having worked in a better, more collegial environment than my years in Penn Medicine. Educating and mentoring students and the next generation of academic neurologists has been one of the high honors of my professional life. What a privilege to wear the badge of excellence that is Penn.” He retired 45 years after coming to Penn, and thanks many research colleagues, deans, chairs of Neurology and we are very glad to congratulate him this evening.

**Dr. Albert Localio** received his BA from Columbia, Law degree at Michigan State, Masters of Public Health at Harvard and PhD at Penn in Epidemiology. He is a U.S. Navy veteran serving for 11 years in the Navy and Security Group as a Vietnamese Linguist, and in the U.S. Naval Communication Station Philippines during the Vietnam War. In 1993 he became assistant professor at Penn State, moved to Penn in 1997 and retired this year as Associate Professor Emeritus of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, having coauthored over 200 peer-reviewed publications. He wrote "In addition to my obligations as a teacher of formal courses in biostatistics in the PSOM and my contributions to a broad array of funded research, my years at Penn also included service for 18 years as associate editor of Annals of Internal Medicine. Prior to my transition in 1980 to a career in biostatistics, I was an attorney, and remain licensed to practice law in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. I live in Media, PA, with my spouse of 29 years, Kathleen; we have two children (G=age 23 and B=27)." It’s wonderful you are here with us today!

**Dr. Carolyn Mies** graduated from the University of Chicago and received her MD from Rush Medical College in Chicago. She was a resident at Tufts, clinical fellow in pathology at Harvard, and chief fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. Dr. Mies joined Penn in 1986 as assistant professor of pathology, and retired as emeritus associate professor; her work was focused to a great extent on breast cancer pathology, and molecular and genetic testing. She is now Director of Clinical Pathology at Genomic Health in Redwood City California and regrets not being able to join us.
**Dr. Norman Schechter** obtained his BS degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and PhD in biochemistry from Duke University. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Brookhaven National Laboratory studying viral DNA binding proteins and returned to Duke as research associate. Dr. Schechter moved to Penn in 1982 with Dr. Lazarus, the new Dermatology chair, and joined the research faculty as assistant professor. He was promoted to research professor in 1987 in Dermatology and Biochemistry and Biophysics in which he taught enzyme kinetics and intermediary metabolism for 14 years. Dr. Schechter is internationally known for his work on human skin proteases and protease inhibitors in immune system mast cells whose activation causes severe allergic and inflammatory reactions. He is now writing his 100th publication and his many collaborators include Dr. John Stanley, the former chair of dermatology, and in recent years, his long time colleague Dr. Harvey Rubin in their work aimed at establishing bacterial respiratory enzymes as new targets for antibiotics. Congratulations Norm and thank you for coming!

**Dr. Lee Sweeney** graduated from MIT in biochemistry and received his PhD from Harvard in physiology and biophysics. He was assistant professor at University of Texas, then in Physiology at Penn in 1989. He was appointed the William Maul Measey Professor of Physiology and Chair of the department from 1998 to 2013. He has published close to 200 articles in muscle injury and repair, the molecular basis of cellular movement, the function of myosin, gene transfer and therapy into muscle, and Duchenne muscular dystrophy. He is now professor in the Univ. of Florida College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, had hoped to attend this event but is in London at this particular time.

**Dr. Jeffery Weiser** was awarded his BS degree from Stanford and MD from Harvard. His clinical training was at the University of Washington, followed by Oxford, Rockefeller and Columbia. He joined the Microbiology faculty at Penn in 1992 as an Assistant Professor, and retired as Emeritus Professor this year. Dr. Weiser’s research, represented in over 100 publications, focuses on the molecular basis of host-pathogen interaction for bacteria that reside in and cause acute respiratory tract infections. He appreciates the invitation to our event but is now Chair of Microbiology at New York University School of Medicine.