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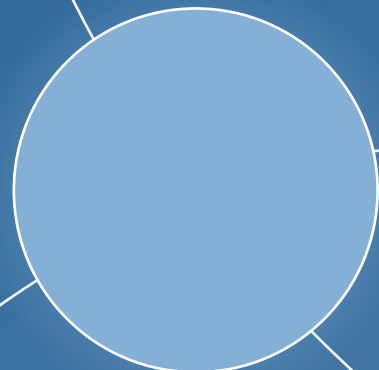
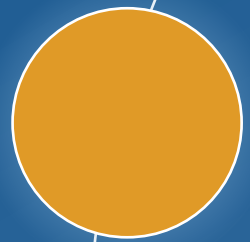
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Penn's Hub

FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

For almost eight years, Perry World House (PWH) has been a critical driver of Penn's global engagement efforts. In 2022-2023, Penn Global — which provides strategic input to global activities across the University of Pennsylvania, through institutions including Penn Abroad, International Student and Scholar Services, the Penn Biden Center, and PWH — celebrated its tenth anniversary. This milestone affirmed Penn's longstanding commitment to global engagement and connection.



THAT COMMITMENT is all the more important as the world becomes a more turbulent, more fragmented place, beset by emerging security, technological, and environmental challenges. This year, the war in Ukraine ground on, while violence erupted in Sudan. Both conflicts have killed and injured thousands and displaced millions. Tensions between the United States and China reached new heights, as a visit to Taiwan by then-US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi sparked massive Chinese military exercises that encircled the island. The collapse of one of the world's biggest cryptocurrency exchanges, FTX, highlighted the volatility of this new financial technology. And the impacts of the climate crisis grew ever more tangible, as Europe sweltered in record high temperatures; floods and mudslides affected millions of people across West and Central Africa; and cities down the US East Coast were blanketed in wildfire smoke.

To meet these challenges, the world needs spaces where experts can come together and collaborate on robust and innovative policy solutions. Perry World House is one such space. As Penn's nexus for global affairs, we are a central point where different strands of the University's global strategy converge, engaging policymakers, scholars, practitioners, students, and the public.

We bring Penn's wealth of academic knowledge to the global policy community and take ideas forged at Penn out into the corridors of power to shape policy responses. In fall 2022, for instance, PWH co-led Penn's delegation to the COP27 UN Climate Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Ideas developed at Perry World House played a significant role in the conference's crucial outcome of increased support for countries suffering loss and damage due to climate change.

We support both established faculty and early-career scholars to explore and share their research on major global problems. This year, we worked with Simon Richter, Class of 1942 Endowed Term Professor of German, on a workshop titled "Imagining a Just and Climate Resilient Transboundary Region," part of a bigger project that is using media, design, and research to shift the discourse on how to manage sea-level rise in the Netherlands. Our longstanding Emerging Scholars Policy Prize with *Foreign Affairs* continues to provide a platform to early-career scholars with new ideas on global challenges.



Former Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull on stage at the 2022 Fall Colloquium, "A Fracturing World: The Future of Globalization." Photo by Eddy Marengo

We host a slate of public events with renowned experts, giving Penn students, faculty, and our wider audience direct insight into the issues that need a policy response—from a colloquium on the state of globalization, to a briefing on the constitutional crisis in Israel, to an in-depth look at the war in Ukraine one year after Russia's invasion.

We shape Penn undergraduates into the next generation of policy leaders through our World House Student Fellows Program, while our Graduate Associates Program equips graduate students with the right skills to engage policymakers and the media on their research.

As the new academic year begins, we will continue to advance the University's mission to bring the world to Penn.

Year in NUMBERS



**PUBLIC
OUTREACH**

26.2K
digital
audience

423
events
hosted

5.8K
attendees at PWH
public events, including
3,800 in-person and
2,012 online



**INNOVATIVE
IDEAS**

5
workshops
and colloquia

5
research
reports
released

50
expert thought
pieces
published



**A GLOBAL
NETWORK**

24
visiting
fellows and
scholars

109
participants from
35 countries and
73 organizations at
PWH convenings

68
Penn students
selected for World
House Student
Fellows and Graduate
Associates Programs



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

My first full year on campus was marked by some noteworthy and important milestones for our University with a highlight among them being the tenth anniversary of Penn Global. This important initiative is dedicated to global outreach and engagement, its mission being no less than to bring the world to Penn.

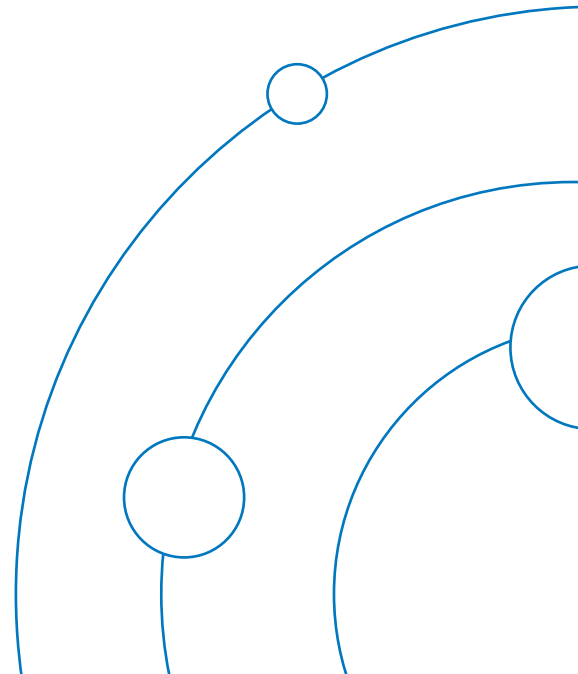
Perry World House plays a crucial role in that mission, connecting our students, faculty, and local community with global leaders while providing deep policy expertise on the greatest challenges facing our world today and in the years ahead. I saw this up close just a few months into my tenure, when I spoke at Perry World House's 2022 Fall Colloquium, "A Fracturing World: The Future of Globalization." This event brought together the former Prime Minister of Australia, Malcolm Turnbull, and Penn's own Michael E. Mann, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Earth and Environmental Science and a renowned expert on climate change, to explore how Australia and the international community are responding to the climate emergency.

This annual report gives a glimpse into the work that has been done, and the exciting things yet on the horizon for Perry World House.

Warmly,

M. Elizabeth Magill

PRESIDENT





Message from the Provost

Dear Friends,

This year, Penn Global celebrated its landmark tenth anniversary. Perry World House, over seven of those ten years, has become core to our global mission. The programs of Perry World House open the doors of our campus and exemplify our defining commitment: to make a tangible impact on the critical global challenges of our time. They energize our campus and place us at the hub of a dialogue that spans the world and encompasses the most significant contemporary issues, from climate change to human rights to the future of democracy.

Perry World House, above all, brings to life the goals of Penn's Strategic Framework for Global Initiatives: ensuring every Penn student has a meaningful global experience, producing research for global impact, and strengthening Penn's global network and partnerships. This mission is more important than ever as the world emerges from a global pandemic while facing complex shared challenges that can only be tackled together. As I begin my tenure as Provost—and especially as Richard Perry University Professor—I look forward to working closely with Perry World House to continue supporting and shaping this vital mission in the years ahead.

Best,

John L. Jackson, Jr.

PROVOST



Message from the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

Dear Friends,

This past academic year, we celebrated a decade since Penn Global was first established, with a mission to provide strategic direction to the whole University on all global activities. We celebrated this landmark anniversary in a place that serves this mission like no other: Perry World House (PWH). PWH is a unique space on campus, serving as Penn's hub for an incredible range of global activities that drive faculty and policy thinking on crucial challenges, infuse the University's intellectual life with external expertise, and shape students' understanding of our world.

This year, PWH convened expert discussions on some of the most salient policy questions we face, from how to manage the growing risk of nuclear war following the invasion of Ukraine to how we can rethink the global financial system to meet the costs of climate change. Its visitors program brought another stellar roster of global leaders to campus, ranging from former heads of government, to ambassadors, and a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. These illustrious leaders and scholars shared their insights with Penn in lecture halls, in discussions with faculty, and in public talks. Its student engagement initiatives brought Penn undergraduates and graduates into direct contact with the policy world—including the World House Student Fellows' first ever trip to Geneva, Switzerland, where they connected with experts at the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization, among other major global institutions.

Over the coming year, PWH will continue its vital service to the University as a global affairs hub.

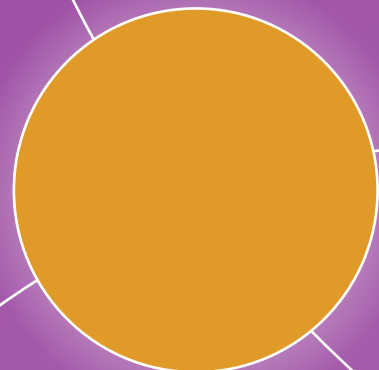
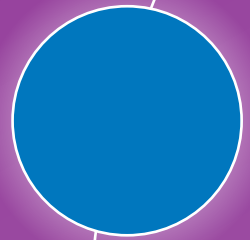
With thanks,

Ezekiel Emanuel

VICE PROVOST FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES

PEOPLE

Every year, PWH brings a diverse cohort of world-class leaders to Penn through our visitors program. Our visitors enrich the University with expertise from the highest levels of city, national, and global governance; activism and advocacy; the media; and other higher education institutions. With the support of our staff, leadership, faculty, and donors, they engage with students, scholars, and the wider public on the most urgent challenges facing our world.



Leadership

Michael C. Horowitz

DIRECTOR (On Service Leave)



Michael C. Horowitz is director of Perry World House and Richard Perry Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. In April 2022, he began a leave of absence from the University to serve as the director of the Office of Emerging Capabilities Policy at the US Department of Defense. He is the author of *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics* and the co-author of *Why Leaders Fight*. He won the Karl Deutsch Award given by the International Studies Association for early career contributions to the fields of international relations and peace research. He has published in a wide array of peer-reviewed journals and popular outlets. His research interests include the intersection of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics with global politics, military innovation, the role of leaders in international politics, and geopolitical forecasting methodology. Horowitz previously worked for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy in the Department of Defense. He is a senior fellow for defense technology and innovation at the Council on Foreign Relations. Horowitz received his PhD in government from Harvard University and his BA in political science from Emory University.

globally and in the US through field-building and investments in the areas of rights advocacy, strategic communications and engagement, intersectional leadership and analysis, research, and capacity-building. For fourteen years, she also held several leadership positions at Human Rights Watch, a global human rights organization, where she led their women's rights research and advocacy work, providing strategic and intellectual guidance to the work on women's international human rights, crafting and executing long-term advocacy strategies, and representing HRW at the highest level of national and international fora. She is the author of many reports on a variety of issues confronting women around the world, and has written op-eds and articles that have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *International Herald Tribune*. She received a BA from Connecticut College and an MA in international relations and Latin American studies from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

Michael Weisberg

**SENIOR FACULTY FELLOW
AND DIRECTOR OF
POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS**



Michael Weisberg is senior faculty fellow and director of post-graduate programs at Perry World House, as well as Bess W. Heyman President's Professor and Chair of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. An expert in philosophy of science, climate policy, and social ecology, he serves as editor-in-chief of *Biology and Philosophy*; as an advisor to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Nairobi Work Programme and the Republic of Maldives; and directs Penn's campus-wide research in the Galápagos. He is the author of *Simulation and Similarity: Using Models to Understand the World* and *Galápagos: Life in Motion*, as well as a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Sixth Assessment Report." Professor Weisberg received a BS in chemistry and a BA in philosophy from the University of California, San Diego in 1999, and he continued graduate study in philosophy and evolutionary biology at Stanford University, earning a 2003 PhD in philosophy.

LaShawn R. Jefferson

SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



LaShawn R. Jefferson served as Perry World House's senior executive director until July 2023. She brought to Perry World House over two decades of legal and policy advocacy, strategic planning and communications, and research and writing on women's international human rights through civil society organizations and philanthropy. She joined Perry World House after almost seven years at the Ford Foundation, where she worked to advance women's human rights

Staff

- › **Funké Abisoye**
Executive Assistant
- › **Lauren Anderson**
Director of Programs
- › **Sabrina Egal**
Research Fellow
- › **Shannon Helbig**
Events and Building
Operations Coordinator
- › **Alice Krainock**
Senior Communications
Advisor
- › **Michaela McNamara**
Business and
Administrative
Coordinator
- › **Spencer Northcutt**
Director of Events and
Building Operations
- › **Jared Rosen**
Research Fellow
- › **Thomas Shattuck**
Global Order
Program Manager
- › **Gabby Szczepanek**
Communications
Manager

Supporters

INDIVIDUAL

PWH was made possible by the generous support of Richard C. Perry, W'77, a trustee of the University, and Lisa Perry. They continue to play a vital role in our work, whether by participating in our events, mentoring students, or meeting with visitors.

Thanks to a catalyzing gift from Penn alumni Hemal N. Mirani and Paritosh V. Thakore, we were able to significantly expand our programming around human rights this year. Our inaugural Thakore Family Global Justice and Human Rights Visiting Fellow was Kenneth Roth, the executive director of Human Rights Watch for almost three decades. During his time here, Roth brought extensive insights on the global state of human rights to Penn. He gave two public talks—one focused on the war in Ukraine and the other on the Chinese government's efforts to subvert human rights at the international level. He also gave guest lectures, taught a master class in human rights advocacy, briefed faculty, and met with students one-on-one to provide career advice.

The Thakore family's support was crucial in bringing other human rights experts to campus to mark International Women's Day: Hagir Elsheikh, owner and CEO of Tomorrow's Smile, Inc., which combats gender-based and domestic violence; Homa Hoodfar, emerita professor of anthropology at Concordia University; and Siri May, associate director for global advocacy at the Center for Reproductive Rights.



Homa Hoodfar, emerita professor of anthropology at Concordia University, speaks with an audience member following an event on women's rights.



Kenneth Roth gives a public talk about China's efforts to subvert human rights at the international level.

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It's in the nature of governments to violate human rights as a shortcut for staying in power. So, the role of the human rights movement is to push back and to raise the cost of human rights violations.... There is always a battle under way to defend rights.”

Kenneth Roth

Thakore Family Global Justice and Human Rights Visiting Fellow, in an interview with *Penn Today* about his fellowship at Perry World House



The Washington Post's DeNeen L. Brown moderates our first “Critical Conversations” event, which focused on reparations for colonization and slavery.

Anonymous donors supported the development of a new public program at PWH this year. “Critical Conversations” fosters critical thinking and civil discourse on potentially polarizing global policy questions. Its innovative format uses a digital poll to gauge how conversations between experts with

opposing views can shift attendees’ opinions on these issues. Our first event focused on whether reparations are a fair way to redress the harms of colonization and slavery.

The Wolk family has again funded the Wolk Family Visiting Fellowship, which this year was held by Lolita Jackson, a Penn alumna and the executive director of sustainable cities at Sustainable Development Capital LLP, a multibillion-pound Financial Times Stock Exchange 250 climate investment firm. The Schlager family has also supported our visitors, with the Schlager Visiting Fellowship of Mauricio Rodas, who served as the mayor of Quito, Ecuador, from 2014 to 2019. A donation from Steven Shapiro helped to make possible our February 2023 workshop, “Economic Security and the Future of the Global Order in the Indo-Pacific.”

INSTITUTIONAL

Our research benefits deeply from the long-term support of Carnegie Corporation of New York, a crucial partner for PWH. This year, our third grant from the Corporation enabled a wide range of projects, including our workshop on the future of the global order in the Indo-Pacific and our colloquium on the growing threat of extreme heat.

Visitors Program

The PWH Visitors Program is a cornerstone of our work, bringing high-level experts from around the world to campus throughout each academic year. Our 2022-2023 cohort featured former senior government and military officials, city leaders, scholars, journalists, policy practitioners, and activists.

Once they reach Penn, PWH serves as a hub for visitors to access faculty insights, network with policy experts beyond their field, share their insights with the campus community and the public, and engage the next generation by meeting with Penn students.

One example is the prominent pro-democracy activist Evan Mawarire, who battled government repression to found the #ThisFlag citizens' movement in his home country of Zimbabwe. During his

time with us, Mawarire met with Wale Adebani, Presidential Penn Compact Professor of Africana Studies, to suggest sources for a research project in Africa, and he spoke at classes on international relations, refugee law, and global studies. He drew on his experiences with #ThisFlag to give a public talk on social media and human rights advocacy, and made time for a wide range of student groups, from PWH's own Student Fellows to Penn for Refugee Empowerment. Beyond Penn, Mawarire represented PWH at a US Department of State pre-briefing, giving input to the December 2022 US-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington, DC. Throughout his year as a visitor, PWH was a central point from which Mawarire could both engage with Penn on multiple levels and take insights from the University out into the policy world.



Evan Mawarire gives a public talk on social media and democracy at Perry World House.



Melissa Flagg

Melissa Flagg is the founder of Flagg Consulting LLC, as well as a senior advisor to the Atlantic Council GeoTech Center, a fellow at the Acquisition Innovation Research Center, and an advisor to the Andrew W. Marshall Foundation. Previously, she served as the US deputy assistant secretary of defense for research, responsible for policy and oversight of Defense Department science and technology programs.



Helen Frowe

Helen Frowe is professor of practical philosophy and Knut and Alice Wallenberg Scholar at Stockholm University, where she directs the Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace. She received the 2019 Marc Sanders Prize in Political Philosophy.



I've been able to find a much broader range of expertise than is in my normal network...and I think this is a testimony to what Perry World House is good at."

Melissa Flagg

2022-2023 Visiting Fellow



John Gans

John Gans is the vice president of strategic communications and policy at The Rockefeller Foundation. From 2017 until 2021, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania and worked at Perry World House, lastly as director of communications and research. Prior to joining Perry World House, he was the chief speechwriter to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter at the Pentagon.



Lolita K. Jackson

Lolita K. Jackson is the executive director of sustainable cities at Sustainable Development Capital LLP, a multibillion-pound London-based climate investment firm. She previously worked for the New York City Mayor's Office for fifteen years in a variety of roles, lastly as the special advisor for climate policy and programs, where she was the climate diplomat for the city.





Nobukatsu Kanehara

Nobukatsu Kanehara is a professor in Doshisha University's Department of Political Science. He served as assistant chief cabinet secretary to Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe from 2012 to 2019. Kanehara's role in the cabinet built on a distinguished career at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he served in a number of notable positions, including director-general of the Bureau of International Law.



Evan Mawarire

Evan Mawarire is a Zimbabwean clergyman who founded the #ThisFlag citizens' movement to challenge corruption, injustice, and poverty in Zimbabwe. Currently, he is the director of education at the Renew Democracy Initiative, an organization focused on defending democracy in America and the world.



Elizabeth V. Kassinis

Elizabeth V. Kassinis has more than twenty-five years of experience in conflict resolution and international development. She is currently director of Caritas Cyprus, a grassroots humanitarian organization that supports vulnerable populations, including migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees.



Sheela Patel

Sheela Patel is a grassroots urban activist working in partnership with vulnerable communities living in informal settlements, both in India as part of the Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers' partnerships with Mahila Milan and the National Slum Dwellers Federation, and globally through Slum/Shack Dwellers International.



Nathan Law

Nathan Law is a Hong Kong activist, currently in exile and based in London. In 2016, he was elected as the youngest ever member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council. However, his seat was overturned, and he was later jailed for his participation in the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement. Law was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018, alongside fellow student activists Joshua Wong and Alex Chow.



Clay Risen

Clay Risen is a reporter and editor at the *New York Times*, where he has written obituaries, served as the deputy editor for the Opinion section, and helped oversee the 2020 presidential election desk.



Mauricio Rodas

Mauricio Rodas served as the mayor of Quito, Ecuador, from 2014 to 2019. Alongside his position at Perry World House, he is a visiting scholar at Penn's Institute for Urban Research and Kleinman Center for Energy Policy.



Alexander Vershbow

Alexander Vershbow is a distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington DC, where he works on transatlantic issues and relations with Russia and Ukraine. He was deputy secretary-general of NATO from 2012 to 2016, the first American to hold that position, and previously served as US ambassador to NATO, Russia, and the Republic of Korea.



Trudy Rubin

Trudy Rubin is the Worldview columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. In 2001 and 2017, she was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. She is the author of *Willful Blindness: The Bush Administration and Iraq*.



Kotchakorn Voraakhom

Kotchakorn Voraakhom is a Thai landscape architect who works on productive public spaces, tackling climate change in dense, urban areas. She created the first critical green infrastructure for Bangkok, Chulalongkorn Centenary Park, as well as Chao Phraya Sky Park, the first bridge park crossing a river in any world capital.



Robert M. Scher

Robert M. Scher is the head of international affairs for bp America, where he tracks and analyzes US foreign policy as it affects bp's businesses around the world. He previously served as the assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans, and capabilities in the Pentagon from 2014 to 2017.



Koko Warner

Koko Warner is the director of the Global Data Institute at the International Organization for Migration and is an expert on climate change risks, impacts, and resilience. She previously managed the Vulnerability subdivision at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat.



Nadeen Spence

Nadeen Spence is the student services and development manager at Mary Seacole Hall, a hall of residence for women at the University of the West Indies, Mona, in Kingston, Jamaica. She is an advocate, activist, and scholar focused on issues related to women's sexual, political, and economic rights.



Zinta Zommers

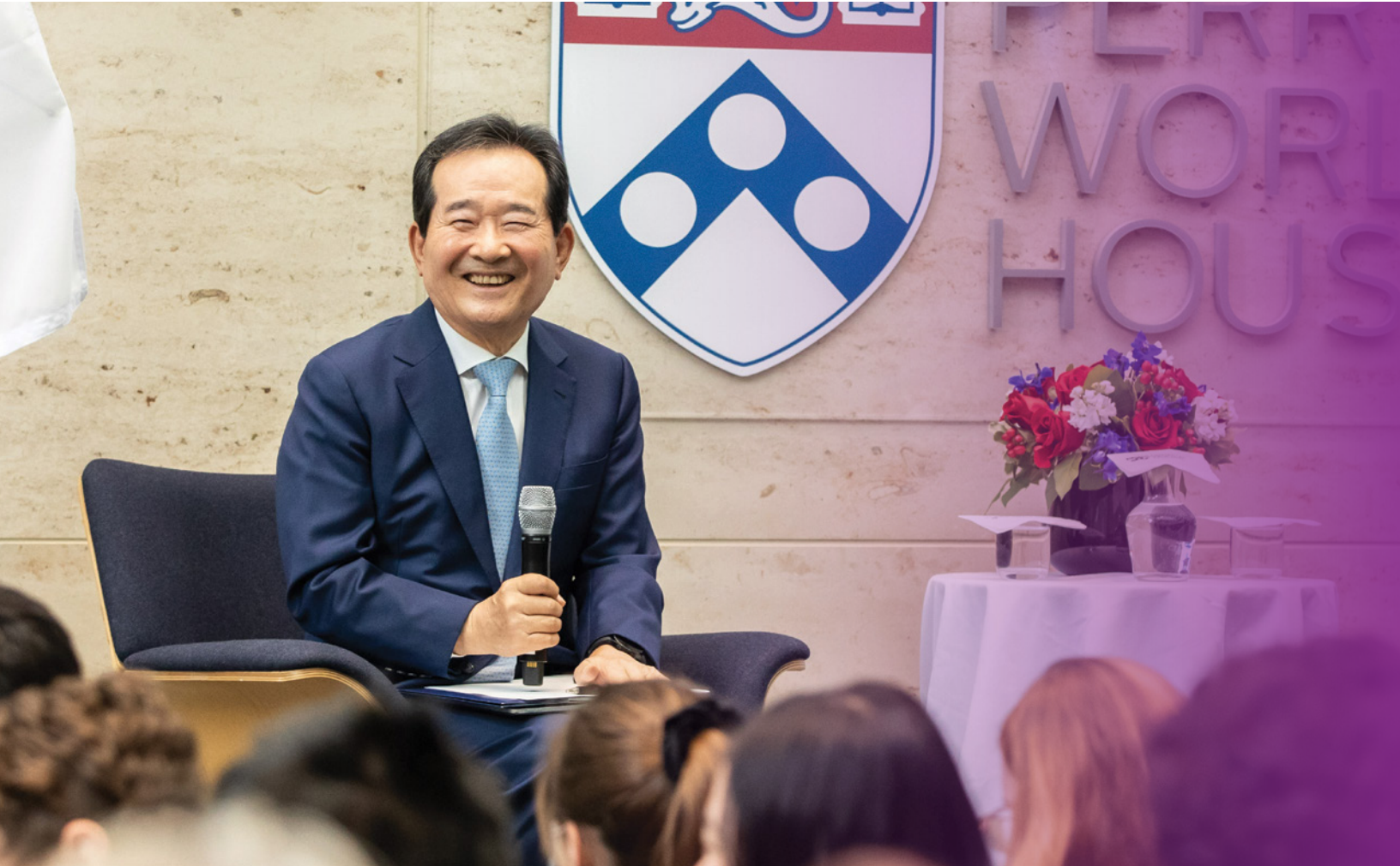
Zinta Zommers is a humanitarian affairs officer with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She is a specialist in risk management and climate change adaptation, working to reduce vulnerability to climate shocks by strengthening early-warning and anticipatory-action systems.



Peter B. Zwack

Peter B. Zwack is a retired brigadier general in the US Army and served as the US senior defense official and attaché to the Russian Federation from 2012 to 2014, a period that included Russia's first invasion of Ukraine. He served in West Germany, Kosovo, South Korea, and Afghanistan. He is currently a global fellow at the Kennan Institute, part of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars.

Chung Sye-kyun, former prime minister of the Republic of Korea, speaks about his country's pandemic response at a PWH public event. Photo by Eddy Marengo



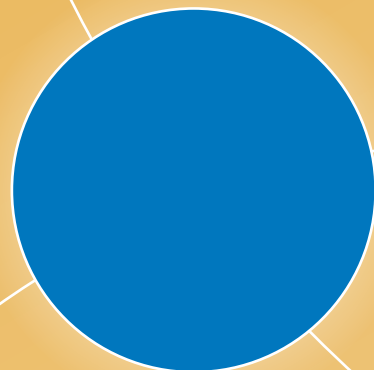
IDEAS

with Impact

The Global Innovation Program puts Penn at the center of global affairs discourse on campus as well as on the world stage. The Program's research agenda charts two interconnected courses.

One, titled "Global Shifts: Urbanization, Migration, and Climate Change," explores the ways a changing climate, the rapid growth of cities, and unprecedented levels of migration are transforming the ways in which we live and work.

The second, titled "The Future of the Global Order: Power, Technology, and Governance," examines implications of changing global power dynamics, impacts of new technologies, and contributions of governance institutions for the future of international cooperation.



THE GLOBAL INNOVATION PROGRAM also incorporates the Borders and Boundaries Project, spearheaded by Penn's Beth Simmons, which researches how political life both affects and is affected by international borders and border security policies, and is extending its focus to look at the health, human rights, and human trafficking consequences of these policies.

All areas of work under the Global Innovation Program advance innovative policy solutions through cross-disciplinary programming. Through workshops and colloquia, as well as in international fora, the Program brings the academic might of Penn to bear on complex threats to our global society. It takes ideas generated on campus out into the world, where they can have a concrete impact, while at the same time, informing the research agenda taken forth across Penn's dozens of schools and centers.

For instance, deliberations at PWH's workshop on global climate finance and initiatives led by its associated faculty and staff fed into a major outcome of the COP27 UN Climate Change Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in the fall of 2022. The conference agreed on a mosaic of solutions, including a fund, to address climate-driven loss and damage in vulnerable countries. This decision is widely regarded as the most significant outcome of a climate conference since the Paris Agreement in 2015.

In the run-up to this meeting and beyond, PWH Professor of Practice of Law and Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein and Senior Faculty Fellow Michael Weisberg worked closely with the government of Maldives — one of the most vulnerable countries to sea-level rise — to prepare for negotiations at the summit, including on the topic of loss and damage.

Unpacking some of the novel thinking that went into the COP27 decision, PWH Visiting Fellow Koko Warner and Michael Weisberg released an article in *Science*, "A Funding Mosaic for Loss and Damage." This built on discussions at the summit, arguing that effective loss and damage support means a mix of different financial solutions, rather than a single fund.

Later on in the year, PWH's Spring Colloquium, "Living with Extreme Heat: Our Shared Future,"



Michael and Zeid have provided invaluable support to the Maldives climate team since COP26. Their technical guidance and knowledge, drawn from their vast experience in the fields of politics and international multilateral systems, helped us enormously."

Aminath Shauna

Minister of Environment, Climate Change, and Technology, Government of the Republic of Maldives, quoted in a [Penn Today](#) article about the University's contribution to COP27



PWH's Michael Weisberg (center) and Aminath Shauna, Maldives' minister of environment, climate change, and technology (right), meet with US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry and former PWH Visiting Fellow Sue Biniatz at COP27.

served as a springboard to participation in "17 Rooms." This process, led by the Brookings Institution and the Rockefeller Foundation, advances the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Colloquium participants, including Penn medical doctors and urban planners, PWH visiting fellows, and the chief heat officer of Santiago, Chile, are now working together within "Room 3" of this process. They aim to advance policy solutions at



the intersection of extreme heat and public health. Colloquium connections and outcomes will continue to feed into this process, which will center on the city of Santiago.

The Global Order theme's work on the initial stages of the war in Ukraine has had a lasting impact, informing a new faculty research project on how the conflict has affected the energy sector, led by Penn's Mitchell Orenstein, professor of Russian and East European studies. Our programming has continued to track the war as it develops, as well as its implications for the wider global order. In September, our Fall Colloquium looked at the war in the context of the decline of globalization and the fracturing of the global economy. In April, we brought experts together to look at the nuclear dimension of the conflict, exploring topics including how Russia's nuclear threats in Ukraine may give Iran and North Korea the confidence to use this tactic to negotiate with and intimidate their adversaries, the future of responsible nuclear statecraft, and the role of non-nuclear states and international institutions in managing nuclear proliferation. This workshop included input from the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs.

Another convening this year, "Economic Security and the Future of the Global Order in the Indo-Pacific," explored growing strategic competition between the United States and China in the region. It looked at themes such as the role of multilateral economic organizations in managing the US-China rivalry, how this rivalry might affect economies across Southeast Asia, and the role of technology in US-China competition. It drew significant attention from policy experts, and PWH's program team gave a bespoke briefing on the workshop's findings to the US Air Force Office of Commercial and Economic Analysis.

PWH also contributed to numerous major policy convenings throughout the year, including the

German Marshall Fund of the US Brussels Forum and a workshop at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. We also established new connections with the Department of Defense through involvement in this year's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.



Top Image: Audience members at the 2022 Fall Colloquium, "A Fracturing World: The Future of Globalization." Photo by Eddy Marengo

Middle Image: Panelists at our 2023 workshop, "The Future of Nuclear Weapons, Statecraft, and Deterrence after Ukraine."

Bottom Image: Hilda Suka-Mafudze, ambassador of the African Union to the United States, speaks at the 2022 Fall Colloquium. Photo by Eddy Marengo

PERRY WORLD HOUSE REPORTS

This year, Perry World House released five comprehensive reports on major global challenges explored in its workshops and colloquia, highlighting both policy solutions and areas for scholars to prioritize in their research.

- › [“Living with Extreme Heat: Our Shared Future”](#)
- › [“The Future of Nuclear Weapons, Statecraft, and Deterrence after Ukraine”](#)
- › [“Economic Security and the Future of the Global Order in the Indo-Pacific”](#)
- › [“Global Climate Finance”](#)
- › [“A Fracturing World: The Future of Globalization”](#)



PERRY WORLD HOUSE IN THE NEWS

Insightful thinking on global affairs from our staff, visitors, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty appeared in major news and academic outlets, reaching audiences around the world.

- › [“As Russia Murders Civilians in Dnipro, Why Won’t NATO Send Weapons that Could End the War?”](#) Trudy Rubin, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- › [“More than a Number: Aging Leaders in International Politics,”](#) Joshua Byun and Austin Carson, *International Studies Quarterly*
- › [“China Could Crush Taiwan’s Economy. Why Beijing Won’t Bring the Hammer Down,”](#) Thomas J. Shattuck, *Barron’s*
- › [“Russia Policy after the War: A New Strategy of Containment,”](#) Alexander Vershbow, *Atlantic Council*
- › [“Africa’s Dictators Are on a Killing Spree. Who Is Giving Them Cover?”](#) Evan Mawarire, *National Review*
- › [“A Funding Mosaic for Loss and Damage,”](#) Koko Warner and Michael Weisberg, *Science*
- › [“So Far So Good? Biden Hopes So,”](#) John Gans, *The New York Times*
- › [“The Nitty Gritty of Climate Policy: Taking Stock of COP27, Looking Ahead to COP28,”](#) Olivia Fielding, Michael Franczak, Masooma Rahmaty, Aparajita Rao, Jimena Leiva Roesch, and Michael Weisberg, IPI Global Observatory
- › [“A Green Investment Treaty Can Help Close the Climate Funding Gap,”](#) William Burke-White, *Bloomberg Law*
- › [“Reward Research for Being Useful—Not Just Flashy,”](#) Melissa Flagg, *Nature*

Purposeful Partnerships

PWH's relationships with external partners enrich and strengthen our research. Since fall 2019, our collaboration with *Foreign Affairs*—the preeminent outlet for analysis and debate of foreign policy, economics, and global affairs—on the Emerging Scholars Policy Prize has produced outstanding scholarly insights from early-career researchers, packaged for a policy audience. This year's winning essays were “The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics” by Nils Kupzok, a postdoctoral research fellow at Johns Hopkins University; and “Assessing the Political Motivations Behind Ransomware Attacks” by Karen Nershi, a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University's Internet Observatory.

Closer to home, our partnerships with global centers across Penn routinely bring in specialist insights on particular regions and policy issues. This year, for instance, we partnered with the Center for East Asian Studies and the James

Joo-Jin Kim Center for Korean Studies to bring two outstanding leaders from Asia to Penn: Nobukatsu Kanehara, a former diplomat and senior government official who served as assistant chief cabinet secretary to Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Chung Sye-kyun, who, as prime minister of the Republic of Korea, steered his country's exemplary response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We also worked with the Center for African Studies to host President of Botswana Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi at PWH for the second annual Distinguished Lecture in African Studies.

Our campus partnerships play an important role in supporting our outreach to the policy world. The University's delegation to COP27, for instance, was co-led by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy's Cornelia Colijn and PWH's own Michael Weisberg, and included more than thirty representatives from across campus.



President Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi of Botswana meets with senior University leaders at Perry World House. Photo by Eddy Marengo

Lightning Scholar Stacy-ann Robinson speaks to World House Student Fellows about her work on climate change adaptation.



Supporting Scholarship

PWH offers tailored support to scholars working in global affairs at every stage of their careers, as well as unique opportunities to network across disciplines.

LIGHTNING SCHOLAR

Our Lightning Scholar Program brings outstanding tenure-track faculty from around the world to Penn, where they become a vital part of our community on campus—advising students, shaping our research, and supporting our global outreach efforts.

This year's Lightning Scholar was Stacy-ann Robinson, an associate professor from Maine's Colby College specializing in climate change adaptation in small island states, with a focus on climate justice and finance. A contributing author to Chapter 15 of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Sixth Assessment Report," Robinson was front and center of Perry World House's involvement in climate policy: she was among the Penn delegates who traveled to Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, for COP27. There, Robinson both played an



I see Perry World House as really the centerpiece of Penn's connection to the world."

Stacy-ann Robinson

2022-2023 Lightning Scholar

active role in discussions on the ground and made this vast global event more accessible to the Penn community and the public. For instance, as well as speaking about climate justice and the Global South at a panel hosted by the Thai government, she also shared an audio dispatch from COP on the Kleinman Center's *Energy Now* podcast, explaining the issues surrounding loss and damage and why they dominated the conference

FACULTY FELLOWS

Our Faculty Fellows program deepens collaboration between PWH and selected faculty across the University, providing input to and support for their work on global affairs. For instance, we supported Faculty Fellow Lynn Meskell's research on how the Ukraine conflict has affected the country's cultural heritage. Meskell then took this research out to the policy community, giving a presentation to senior NATO officials that called for the alliance to expand its cultural protection policy. At the alliance's headquarters in Brussels, she argued that its peacebuilding and development efforts need to take a broader view of global heritage—focusing not just on famous monuments and prestigious artifacts, but engaging with local communities to better protect and reconstruct the heritage sites that matter most to them.



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Urban Research



William Burke-White

Professor of Law



Fiona Cunningham

Assistant Professor of
Political Science



Melissa M. Lee

Klein Family Presidential
Assistant Professor of
Political Science



Michael E. Mann

Presidential Distinguished
Professor of Earth and
Environmental Science



Lynn Meskell

Penn Integrates Knowledge
Professor in Anthropology and
Professor of Historic Preservation;
Curator, Penn Museum



[Perry World House] was one of the reasons I wanted come to Penn.... I've started new projects with other faculty that I wouldn't normally meet, but I've met them here.... That's invaluable to me, and it's an experience that you don't get everywhere."

Lynn Meskell
Faculty Fellow



Jennifer Pinto-Martin
MacInnes Professor of Nursing
and Epidemiology



Aswin Punathambekar
Professor of Communication
and Director, Center for
Advanced Research in
Global Communication



Simon Richter
Class of 1942 Endowed
Term Professor of German



Beth Simmons
Andrea Mitchell University
Professor of Law, Political
Science, and Business Ethics



Robert Vitalis
Professor of Political Science

Policy experts and faculty take part in a workshop on the 50th anniversary of UNESCO, convened by PWH Faculty Fellow Lynn Meskell.





PWH Postdoctoral Fellow Biz Herman asks a question at the 2023 Spring Colloquium, “Living with Extreme Heat: Our Shared Future.” Photo by Eddy Marengo



I deeply value the intellectual and collaborative spaces that Perry World House provides to scholars and practitioners alike. The experiences that I've had and collaborations I've built through Perry World House...have provided invaluable opportunities for growth, learning, and impact."

Biz Herman

2022-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Every year, PWH welcomes a cohort of postdoctoral fellows from around the world and across disciplines. Their research interests intersect with PWH's research priorities, and they play a crucial role in our day-to-day work—advising our undergraduate World House Student Fellows on their projects, taking part in our policy convenings, and supporting our public events. Our 2022-2023 cohort brought expertise on migration, trade, emerging technologies, climate change, and international security to Penn.



Garrett M. Albistegui Adler

Garrett M. Albistegui Adler is an interdisciplinary environmental social scientist focused on political and social impacts of climate change and variability, especially links between climatic conditions and violent human conflict.



Eilidh Beaton

Eilidh Beaton works on the political philosophy of migration. Her current research prioritizes justice in internal displacement and the normative nature of contemporary immigration enforcement practices.



Joshua Byun

Joshua Byun's research focuses on questions related to grand strategy, alliance politics, and military effectiveness. His current book project examines the success and failure of grand strategy in the context of military alliances.



Bailee Donahue

Bailee Donahue investigates the consequences of border security policies and border institutions for complex trade relationships between neighbor states and supports Perry World House's Borders and Boundaries Project.



Biz Herman

Biz Herman works on Perry World House's Border and Boundaries Project. Her research explores how experiencing violence in the context of conflict and forced migration shapes social cohesion and prospects for sustainable peace.



Junghyun Lim

Junghyun Lim's research examines the political consequences of international and internal migration and is part of Perry World House's Borders and Boundaries Project.



Johanna Rodehau-Noack

Johanna Rodehau-Noack researches the role of so-called intelligent technologies in conflict anticipation and prevention, focusing specifically on the implications and ethics of technological optimism in theory and practice.

Seminar Series

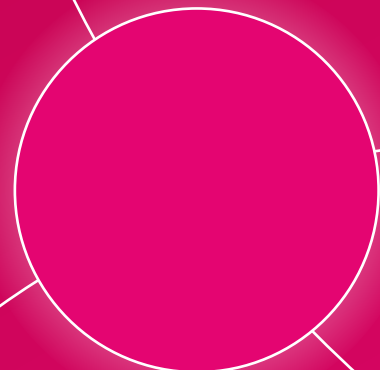
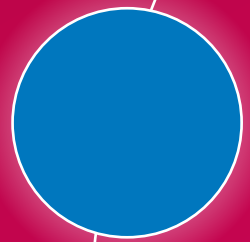
Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, senior faculty, and PWH visitors come together at our weekly "Seminar Series," where scholars present their in-progress research for discussion. This year, the series was facilitated by Eilidh Beaton, Joshua Byun, and Johanna Rodehau-Noack. Guests and topics included:

- › **Cheap Tweets? Crisis Signaling in the Age of Twitter**
Erik Lin-Greenberg, Leo Marx Career Development Assistant Professor in the History and Culture of Science and Technology, Department of Political Science, MIT
- › **The Ethics of Deterrence**
Helen Frowe, professor of practical philosophy and Knut and Alice Wallenberg Scholar, Stockholm University and visiting scholar, Perry World House
- › **China's Search for Coercive Leverage**
Fiona Cunningham, assistant professor of political science, University of Pennsylvania and faculty fellow, Perry World House
- › **Assessing Soviet Economic Performance During the Cold War: A Failure of Intelligence?**
Marc Trachtenberg, professor of political science, University College London

Engaging

PENN STUDENTS

In August, Locust Walk was abuzz with excitement as the new semester began. PWH was part of students' experience from the moment they set foot on Penn's campus, with an active presence at New Student Orientation. At busy resource fairs, a preceptorial on the war in Ukraine with veteran foreign correspondent Trudy Rubin, and even an ice cream social, PWH showed students that we are the place on campus to access the latest thinking on global affairs.



WE MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE, offering different forms of engagement to suit any schedule or level of experience—students can drop into a coffee chat with a global leader, attend one of our public events, or pen an insightful essay on an issue they are passionate about. For those undergraduate and graduate students who have a deep interest in global policy, we offer two competitive programs: the World House Student Fellows Program and the Graduate Associates Program.

World House Student Fellows Program

In 2022-2023, our World House Student Fellows Program welcomed thirty-two students from across Penn's four undergraduate schools. Throughout the year, they took part in weekly seminars with PWH visitors and other experts, learning more about career options on the world stage and getting expert insight into global affairs. In groups, they collaborated on in-depth policy projects, exploring a topic of their choice—this year's projects focused on issues including the future of energy supply, the Ethiopia-Tigray conflict, and cyberwarfare.

Field trips are also an important part of the program, taking students off campus to the centers of

power, where they can connect with senior leaders at global institutions. This year, alongside established visits to New York City and Washington, DC, PWH inaugurated the Global Policy Perspective Program, taking the Student Fellows to Geneva, Switzerland, to engage with PWH's network of experts in the city. This included meetings with Ambassador Bathsheba Crocker, a 2016-2017 PWH visiting fellow and now the US Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, and Beatrice Fihn, former executive director of the International Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons and a 2019-2020 visiting fellow.

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When I looked at Penn, I saw Perry World House and I said to myself...if they are starting to invest in policy, and research, and engagement, then this is a place where I want to be.

Joshua Yang

W'23, 2022-2023 World House Student Fellow



World House Student Fellows on a visit to the United Nations during their trip to Geneva, Switzerland.

Graduate Associates Program

This year, our Graduate Associates Program was refined under the leadership of Penn's Regina M. Abrami and the *New York Times'* Clay Risen. This involved breaking up the associates into affinity groups and facilitating enriching conversations among graduate students with similar interests who are often from very different intellectual and professional backgrounds.

Over the course of the year, Graduate Associates attended monthly seminars on topics including

op-ed writing, media appearances, and life as a congressional staffer, all intended to further the program's goal of widening students' perspectives beyond academia.

The year's highlight was an all-day trip to the Penn Biden Center, where they heard from a variety of experts and professionals in Washington, DC.

Regina M. Abrami and Clay Risen with Graduate Associates on their visit to Washington, DC.



This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as a student... You're rubbing elbows with ambassadors, foreign policy leaders, and you don't feel out of place."

Kimberly St. Julian-Varnon
2022-2023 Graduate Associate



Student Essay Prizes

For the first time, alongside our successful Undergraduate Essay Prize, we offered a dedicated Essay Prize for Penn graduate students. Each prize gives students the opportunity to share their ideas on an urgent global policy challenge of their choice.

Our inaugural winner of the Graduate Essay Prize was Max Pisciotta, a PhD candidate in chemical engineering who researches carbon-capture methods and industrial decarbonization. Their essay looked at the potential for geothermal energy to ease the difficult transition from fossil fuels to renewables—for instance, many oil and gas wells could be repurposed to produce geothermal energy, protecting livelihoods and preventing the drilling of new wells.

This year's Undergraduate Essay Prize was won by Meheer Commuri, a rising junior studying international relations. He looked at the shift in US foreign policy away from the Middle East, arguing that economic drivers and strategic competition with China should keep the region a priority for the United States.

Top Image: Penn students attend the PWH Ice Cream Social during New Student Orientation.

Middle Image: PWH staff talk to students at the 2022 Hub@Penn Expo resource fair.

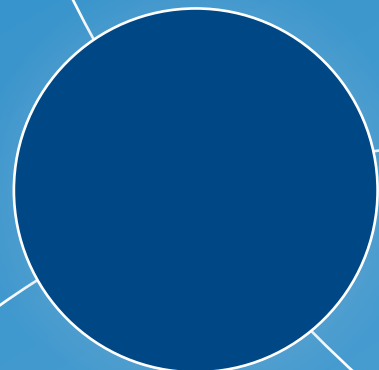
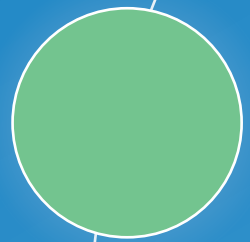
Bottom Image: World House Student Fellows at their first meeting of the school year.



Bringing

POLICY TO THE PUBLIC

Throughout each semester, Perry World House opens its doors to the Penn community and the public for insightful, innovative events. These events are a crucial touchpoint for the University's global engagement efforts, offering people with any level of understanding access to expertise on a huge range of global policy issues.



ALONGSIDE ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS like “The World Today” and “Global Lens,” we experimented with new formats in our “Critical Conversations” series, a civil debate between experts with opposing views on a complex global policy question. Using a digital poll, we gauge in real time how our audience’s opinion shifts over the course of the discussion. We also partnered with the Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy to deliver a year-long event series on how technology—such as artificial intelligence, cryptocurrencies, and social media—is affecting democracies across the world.

Since our pivot to virtual during the pandemic, we continue to offer an online option for all our events, making it possible for thousands of people across the world to engage with Penn’s hub for global affairs. Beyond our own programming, PWH is an important space for globally oriented centers and student groups across campus, hosting hundreds of events each year.



An audience member listens to author and journalist Jeff Goodell’s talk about the threat of extreme heat during the 2023 Spring Colloquium. Photo by Eddy Marengo

The World Today

“The World Today” is a weekly conversation and Q&A with PWH experts on a pressing global policy challenge.

- › [“The War in Ukraine: One Year On”](#) with Robin Dunnigan, Trudy Rubin, Maria Snegovaya, and Peter B. Zwack
- › [“Global Food Security in an Era of COVID, Climate Change, and Conflict”](#) with Barron Segar and Jennifer Pinto-Martin
- › [“Reflections from COP27: A Victory for the Most Vulnerable Countries”](#) with Stacy-ann Robinson, Jimena Leiva Roesch, Zinta Zommers, and Michael Weisberg

Global Lens

“Global Lens” uses visual arts, music, and cuisine to explore world events.

- › [“Captured on Camera: Exposing War Crimes and Human Rights Abuses”](#) with Gary Knight, Dalila Mujagic, Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, and Biz Herman
- › [“Building Community: How the Arts Can Help Afghan Refugees”](#) with Jahan Ara Rafi, Valerie Plesch, and Peter Decherney

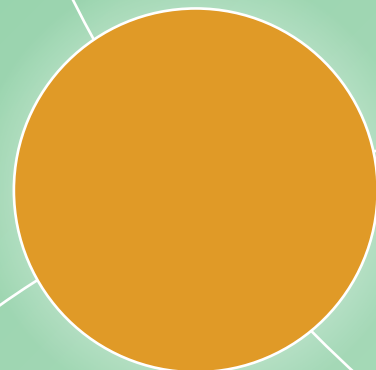
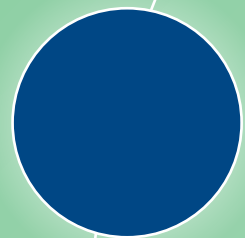
Other Events

- › [“Encoding Race: New Tech, Old Inequalities”](#) with the Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy and featuring Chaz Arnett, Charlton McIlwain, and Anita Allen
- › [“South Korea’s Response to COVID-19: Lessons for the International Community”](#) with Chung Sye-kyun
- › [“Can Reparations Redress the Harms Caused by Colonization and Slavery?”](#) with Jeremy Black, Jeremy Sarkin, and DeNeen L. Brown
- › [“Democracy vs Autocracy in Ukraine and Beyond: A Human Rights Perspective”](#) with Kenneth Roth and Colum Lynch

Future

GOALS

As we enter our eighth year on campus, we will explore new initiatives to maintain our edge as Penn's locus for global affairs. We are planning an ambitious program of convenings on critical global issues as well as expanded engagement opportunities for faculty, and we will welcome a familiar face back to campus as part of our successful Lightning Scholar Program.



Workshops and Colloquia

Though many of the ideas currently on the table are in the early stages of planning, Perry World House will continue to work on the most difficult of global policy challenges: those that affect—and require the participation and input of—our entire global community. Our programming will actively encourage and support the participation of vulnerable and marginalized people, communities, and countries.

This year, we will explore topics such as the relationship between migration and food security; the geopolitics of the gradual green energy transition, including our growing reliance on minerals to power batteries; and the connections between biodiversity conservation, the recent agreement of the UN High Seas Treaty, and national security. We also plan to look at the future of Taiwan and cross-Strait relations following the Taiwanese presidential election in January 2024, as well as how private companies and governments can ensure the safe use of new AI applications like ChatGPT.

Our 2023 Fall Colloquium will broaden the conversation around nuclear policy, looking at the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Indo-Pacific; how non-nuclear states work to create and influence nuclear norms through international institutions; and the ongoing risks presented by nuclear power, such as the weaponization of nuclear plants in conflict zones. Our 2024 Spring Colloquium will explore how more effective science communication can influence public behavior change in the climate space.

New Lightning Scholar

In fall 2023, we will welcome one of our early postdoctoral fellows back to Perry World House as our latest Lightning Scholar. Michael Kenwick played a crucial role in establishing the Borders and Boundaries Project as a postdoctoral fellow, and is now assistant professor of political science at Rutgers University. Kenwick received his PhD in political science from the Pennsylvania State University and his BA in political science and history from the University of Illinois. A scholar of international security, his work focuses on civil-military relations and border politics. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation and has appeared in outlets including *International Organization*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, and the *Journal of Politics*. Kenwick's return to Penn is testament to the lasting connections PWH builds with the experts who pass through its doors each year, and we look forward to seeing how this next year shapes his scholarship.

Faculty Advisory Council

As we seek to consolidate and deepen PWH's impact across the University in 2023-2024 and beyond, we appreciate the leadership of PWH's Faculty Advisory Council. This group provides strategic guidance to our leadership team throughout the year, and is charged with thinking about increasing PWH's impact as we move from start-up phase to steady state as Penn's global policy engagement hub. Its members are:

- › **Regina M. Abrami**, Chang Sun Term Professor and Director, Lauder Institute's Global Program
- › **Eugénie L. Birch**, Lawrence C. Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research & Education
- › **Ezekiel Emanuel**, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and Diane v.S. Levy & Robert M. Levy Professor
- › **Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein**, Perry World House Professor of Practice of Law and Human Rights
- › **Michael G. Hanchard**, Gustave C. Kuemmerle Professor of Africana Studies
- › **Matthew Hartley**, Professor of Education and Board of Advisors Chair of Education
- › **Lynn Meskell**, PIK Professor in Anthropology and Professor of Historic Preservation
- › **Jennifer Pinto-Martin**, Viola MacInnes/Independence Professor of Nursing and Professor of Epidemiology
- › **Beth Simmons**, Andrea Mitchell University Professor in Law, Political Science, and Business Ethics
- › **Michael Weisberg**, Bess W. Heyman President's Distinguished Professor and Chair of Philosophy



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