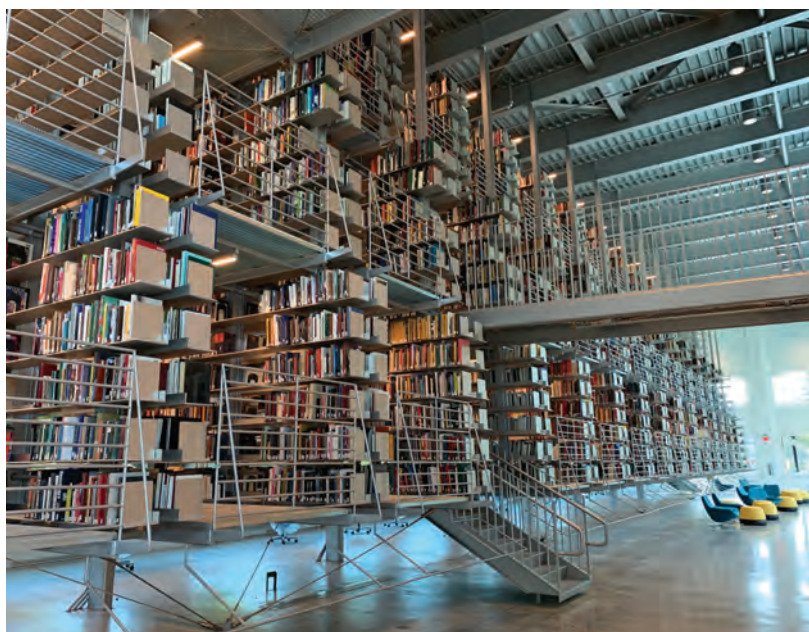


From the Hill



PAGE PROOF: After a year and a half of construction, AA&P's Mui Ho Fine Arts Library has opened in Rand Hall. The \$21.6 million project features dramatic tiers of "floating" bookshelves accommodating 125,000 volumes, plus study spaces, digital resources, and more.

\$54 Million from NSF for New CHESS Facility

The Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) will receive \$54 million from the National Science Foundation over the next five years to support a new research and education subfacility known as the Center for High-Energy X-ray Sciences at CHESS. A national research facility commissioned in 1980, CHESS attracts more than 1,200 users a year for X-ray analysis and other data collection to support research in a variety of fields. The new subfacility, dubbed CHESS @ CHESS, will include four beamlines and staff to support high-energy X-ray science user operations, as well as X-ray technology research, education, and training. "CHESS is a unique training ground for the scientific workforce we need to keep the U.S. competitive," says U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, "and is part of the lifeblood of our scientific community, enabling researchers to make advancements in everything from clean energy technologies to stronger, more resilient infrastructure."

'Her sanity-confirming wisdom explained troubled times and soothed restless souls.'

— **Noliwe Rooks**, professor of Africana studies, on Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison, MA '55, who passed away in August

Cinema Gets Five-Year Funding Reprieve

Cornell Cinema has received a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous alumni donor, and the College of Arts & Sciences has pledged to cover the majority of the cinema's staff salaries for the next half-decade. That means that after years of financial challenges that threatened to put the cinema out of business—including a \$150,000 drop in support from the Student Activity Fee following a 2017 vote of the Student Assembly—it has sufficient funding to continue for the next five years. In addition to the loss of Activity Fee support, the cinema—like theaters worldwide—has faced competition from streaming sites like Netflix. Its plans to insulate itself from the unpredictability of ticket sales going forward include selling a low-cost pass that would offer admission to all screenings except special events. "Watching a film in a darkened theater with high quality projection on a large screen and great sound," says cinema director Mary Fessenden, "is an entirely different experience than watching on a computer screen in a dorm room."

Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news



Quinton Lucas, JD '09 (left), an attorney and University of Kansas law professor, elected mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Ithaca, named the prettiest town in New York State by *Architectural Digest*.

Astronomy professor **Martha Haynes** (right), awarded the Astronomical



Society of the Pacific's Catherine Wolfe Bruce Gold Medal, given for outstanding lifetime achievement.

NewYork-Presbyterian, the Medical College's teaching hospital, ranked

number one in New York City and the fifth-best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.



Alexander Colvin, PhD '99 (left), named to a five-year term as dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. A professor of conflict resolution, he had been serving as interim dean since October 2018.

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WING AND A PRAYER: *Bird of Prey*, the Lab of Ornithology's first feature film, is now available for viewing online. Directed by lab staffer Eric Liner, it chronicles efforts to save the critically endangered great Philippine eagle from extinction. Released last year and screened at film festivals around the world, the documentary can be rented or purchased on iTunes, Amazon, and Vimeo.

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Research in the Dyson School finds that tech startups may be hampered by the fact that foreign-born PhDs are reluctant to take jobs with them due to potential visa issues, preferring offers from established companies.

Having healthy gut bacteria can help prevent infections following joint replacement surgery, find biomedical researchers on the Ithaca campus and orthopaedic surgeons at the Weill Cornell-affiliated Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC.

Sociology PhD student Thomas Davidson, MA '18, identified "consistent, systematic, and substantial racial biases" in how algorithms identify hate speech in Tweets, finding that those using language indicating that the writer is likely African American are tagged as hateful at much higher rates than those believed to be written by whites.

Participation by female students drops when classes in STEM fields get larger than 120 people, finds ecology and evolutionary biology professor Kelly Zamudio, whose team used data from forty-four science courses at multiple institutions including Cornell.

Working with faculty at Cornell Tech and the Medical College, two master's students in health technology studied how analyzing changes in an individual's digital communications might offer advance warning of Alzheimer's disease.

Did You Know...

That CALS Dean Kathryn Boor '80 has a racehorse named after her? Six-year-old Kathryn the Wise (right) is owned by Larry Goichman '66 and trained by Chad Brown '01. As of early August, she had won five races and earned more than \$375,000.



'Everybody, if they're lucky enough, is going to become an older person. Ageism eventually affects every member of a society.'

— Human development professor **Karl Pillemer**, who co-led a WHO-funded study on how to combat ageist attitudes

Finance Prof Leads External Ed



Steven Carvell (left), a longtime professor of finance in the Hotel school, has been named the University's first vice provost for external education strategy. "This new position has been created to help Cornell more effectively leverage a number of separate initiatives," says Provost Michael Kotlikoff, "and help eCornell more closely align with the academic enterprise." Carvell's purview will include executive education programs offered by various colleges and schools, as well as certificate and master's programs offered by colleges, schools, and eCornell, the University's distance learning platform.



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What did Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 call "a gorgeous asset nestled right between the University and downtown Ithaca"?

- a) Ithaca Falls
- b) City Cemetery
- c) Llenroc
- d) Eddy Gate

ANSWER: B)