“I just want to say that I really love it here in Gregory! I cannot imagine a better environment on campus. As a new Gregory resident/Penn student, I appreciate how welcoming everyone is and how I feel like I have a place where I fit in. Gregory is a nice microcosm within Penn, and the sense of community I sense here is authentic.” — House Survey, Spring 09

As with every May, Gregory celebrates the achievements of another amazing class, and secretly mopes that everyone is leaving. This year we tip our hats to, and shed a tear over, seniors Christine Bauer, Helen Byelyakova, Erin Daley, Belen Desmaison, Samantha Goldstein, Jason Gray, Christie Gutierrez, Sharon Kapitula, Angel Jacome, Matthew Kolasa, Mark Leung, John Lin, Sarah-Jane Littleford, Francisca Mutahi, Elizabeth Raposa, Tiago Sanfelice, Reum Scott, Vanna Stone, Andrew Tierney, Anil Venkatesh, Ludovic Vincent, Ercole Volonnino, Jonathan Wall, David Winchell and David Zhuo, as well as soon to be graduates Eric Logan and Serena Stein and graduating GAs Bartek Czech, Ela Jamiolekowski and Julie-Francoise Tolliver.
Lucid Awards

Since the 2003-2004 academic year, Gregory has annually honored the dedication and leadership of its residents by bestowing the Joanne T Lucid award for Distinguished Service to the Gregory House Community. Fittingly enough, the recipient, whose name is added to the “atmospherically” scratched and battered plaque in the Van Pelt lobby, has always been a four-year senior whose commitment and enthusiasm spanned their entire Penn career. But because Gregory has always had so many extraordinary if often eccentric folks, one award has often not seemed enough, at least to the people who didn’t think one award was too much. :) And because the House has always prided itself on interaction between our classes—in which a junior might mentor a freshman, and a freshman might become a prominent figure in the House via spirit, personality, and an unique ability to annoy students of all ages into taking part in activities they would never dream they would squander time on—we instituted a new tradition this May of identifying students of the year from each class, showing our appreciation to those who made that entirely questionable decision to devote their effort to the House from day one. So at a swank affair (by Gregory standards—cough) in the Piano Lounge, students gobbled up gourmet cakes, perused their copy of the 2008-2009 yearbook, and applauded the following honorees:

**Lucid Award Recipient:** Christie Gutierrez

**Honorable Mention:** Sarah-Jane Littleford, Eric Logan

**Juniors of the Year:** Nasri Bou-Saba and Michael Lee

**Sophomores of the Year:** Delphine Birckel, Hayley Germack and Shanti Singh

**Freshman of the Year:** Nicholas Rapport
Announcing Gregory’s New Faculty Master:
Professor Heather Love

Professor Robert Lucid, the first Faculty Master of Gregory and one of the architects of the College House system, left us quite a legacy; he devoted himself to creating a House that nurtured student leadership and retention, and as Master he unfailingly treated Gregory students as the adults they are, encouraged and trusted the initiative, academic expertise and insight of our graduate student staff, and strived to incorporate a strong scholastic backbone in much of the House’s programming and traditions. It seems fitting that the next Faculty Master to continue that legacy will be one who was initially recruited by Bob and served with him in the House for a number of highly productive years: Heather Love, M. Mark and Esther K. Watkins Assistant Professor in the Humanities. Professor Love, who primarily teaches in the Department of English, is an outstanding scholar and the author of Feeling Backward: Loss and the Politics of Queer History; she also was much beloved in her time as Gregory Faculty Fellow for hosting popular open houses in her apartment and for dedicating much individualized attention to residents working on papers and other writing projects. We fondly welcome Heather and her family back into the Gregory fold!

Professor Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw is stepping down as Faculty Master after two extremely successful years. During her tenure the House continued to attract returning residents in outstanding numbers despite an influx of new off-campus living options and renovation in other College Houses (sigh); she welcomed a number of outstanding personalities into the House for Dinner with Gregory conversations (including Penn’s new Provost, Vincent Price) and oversaw the introduction of an academic credit option for the Film Culture residential program. We thank Professor Shaw for her service and we wish her the best of luck!

Art History and Visual Studies Professor Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw (left, here hosting students in her apartment for the winter holidays) served as Faculty Master from Fall 2007-Spring 2009.

Professor Heather Love (left) with former graduate associates Ela Jamiołkowski and Allison Glasmann at the annual Gregory opening barbecue. Professor Love formerly served as faculty fellow in the House from Fall 2003-Spring 2008.
Opening Barbecue and Much More

As always, Alumni Society members are more than welcome to attend Gregory’s traditional events, starting with the annual opening barbecue (and karaoke session, and whatever else ends up going on that day), which this year will fall on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th. Other events traditionally open to Alumni Society members include our white water rafting, skiing and six flags trips, our annual International Dinner and Lucid Dinner & Performing Arts night (which is being revamped and moved to early in Fall semester), and our Superbowl and Oscar parties, just to name a few. As always, to RSVP for an event, just drop a line to Hilary Pearson, our House Coordinator, at hpearson@upenn.edu.

We also strongly encourage Gregory veterans who would like to share their experience, expertise and other knowledge of the “real world” with our students to visit as guests for our Dinner with Gregory speaker series; if you are interested, drop a line to our 2009-2010 DwG Managers, John Bartel (bartel@sas.upenn.edu) and Stephen Koblin (skoblin@wharton.upenn.edu). Of course we would be happy to host you in our guest suite if you will be in town for DwG!

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