

The logo for Penn 68, featuring a stylized white and red striped hat above the letter 'P', followed by the word "PENNN" in large blue and red letters, and the number "68" in large red and blue letters.

Dearest Classmates,

Art Muir and Rich Sabreen amazed us at our October Zoom with their tales of trekking and climbing Mt, Everest. I have never seen such wonderful photos nor heard first-hand about Mt Everest – the trek and the climb, the mountains, the Sherpas, the ice fields-theirs were truly personal stories that will resonate with me for a long time. If you missed that Zoom you must take the time to see the recording, [linked here](#).

Rich is also busy in his wood turning workroom, making the most beautiful vessels. Joe Hurwich went back to Italy this year and rode in yet another rally in one of his fabulous cars and one of his magnificent cars won a great prize at Pebble Beach. Last month Harrison Bloom shared the story of his and Pat's wonderful project in Africa with the Kisoro elders - which we hope you will consider supporting. This month, our classmate Alan Feinberg tells us about his ongoing love of documentaries. We cannot wait to see what he is planning next! So many classmates are active, pursuing new hobbies, projects and so many of us are still actively working! We remain active, enthusiastic about life, vibrant and interested in the world.

Please self-identify and tell us what you are up to...in the past few years-since medicare kicked in or since our 50th reunion...Please let us know about a classmate who is doing interesting things? 1968 wants to introduce and profile classmates who are doing fun and/or remarkable things today – continuing life-long endeavors and enthusiasms or starting new projects or ventures or hobbies or volunteer efforts (like Alan's dogs and Rich's wood turning and Joe's cars).

Please, share those names so we can reach out and share 1968's stories (elsiehmiami@gmail.com).

At our November 5th Homecoming Zoom meeting we began conversations about what will motivate us to return to campus, May 12-15, 2023, for our 55th reunion. Of course, our plans will grow and evolve over the next 18 months- based on your comments and suggestions. We need to hear your thoughts, please. What will bring you back? Tell us, please.

We are so lucky that Dr. Paul Offit agreed to join us again on November 19th to talk 'vaccines". We will also welcome Dr. Megan Kassebaum who will explain the need for and process of repatriation of ethnic artifacts to the original indigenous populations. Both topics are important – and I hope you will join us.

Please remember that you can see any of the past zooms, or watch the 68 slide show, or read any newsletter you may have missed if you use this link: www.alumni.upenn.edu/1968.

If you are on Facebook (yes.. yes.. I know!) please join our [Penn Class of 1968 Facebook Group](#) —and if you have already joined the Facebook group, please post anything non-political. Carol Clapp has been doing a fantastic job and we thank her profoundly.



See you soon on ZOOM – and sending love

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Class of 1968 Friendship Hour Friday | November 19

On **Friday, November 19th, at 5 PM ET**, we welcome **[Dr. Paul Offit](#)**, from CHOP, world renowned vaccinologist, and voting member of the FDA vaccine committee. Dr. Offit will update us on COVID, vaccines and boosters and he will answer questions. Dr. Offit will take the mic at 5 and after his presentation and the Q & A we will hear from Penn's **[Megan Kassebaum](#)** will update us on the Museum's repatriation of artifacts, with a focus on returning artifacts to Alaskan indigenous people. Dr. Kassebaum will also take questions. To learn more about our speakers, [read their bios here](#).

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Class of 1968 Friendship Hour Friday | December 17

On **Friday, December 17** we will have the privilege of welcoming outstanding Penn Law Professor and inaugural Director of Perry World House, **[Dr. William Burke-White](#)**, who is a leading expert on U.S. foreign policy, multilateral institutions, and international law.

Bill Burke-White will talk to 1968 about "The 5 Most Powerful People in the World." Professor Burke-White will provide an introduction into how we think about power in the world and then make the case for 10 different people to be included in a top 5 list -- all from quite different backgrounds and ways of thinking.

At the end of his presentation, each person on the Zoom will have the opportunity to create his or her own top 5 list.

Perhaps you will start thinking about your list now—and see how your list matches Professor Burke-White's —and then- see if your list changes by the end of the Zoom.

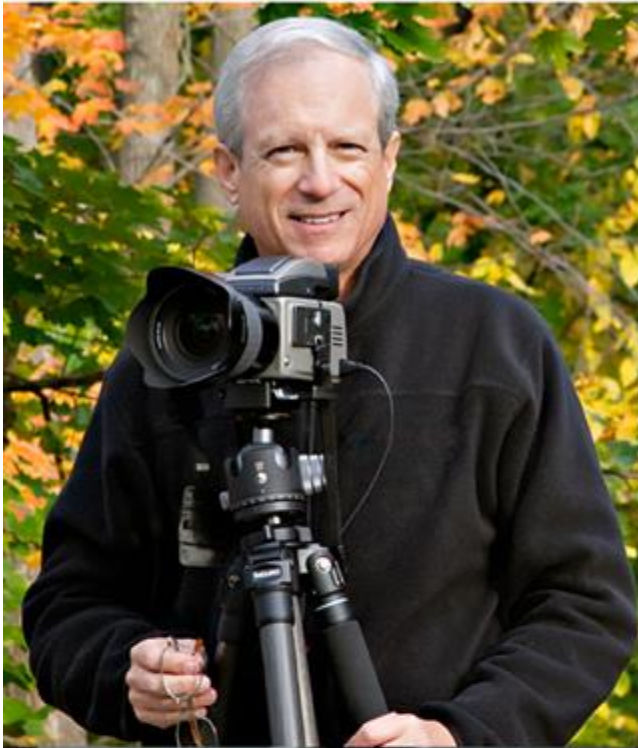
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Diary of my transition from Fine Art Photographer to Documentary Filmmaker

By: Alan Feinberg, W'68

In 1957, when my oldest brother began his freshman year at Penn and I was just 11 years old, his prized Rolleiflex camera sat on his desk and I took it. To this day 63 years later he asks me to return it. That began my fascination with photography that has lasted all these years beginning with that camera that represented the height of German camera engineering at that time (alongside the more well-known Leica). I had taught Photography at the Chatauqua Institute, judged photo competitions at camera clubs across Florida and also sold mural-sized prints at art shows such as Art Basel. I considered myself a Fine Art Photographer. Then, one day in 2015 I arrived at a crossroads - the world was not looking for another photograph of the Taj Mahal or Niagara Falls. There were millions of people around the world taking photos with their iPhones. I felt I needed to find something more stimulating and creative.

[Continue Reading Alan's Story Here »](#)





Reintroducing The Greenfield Intercultural Center

Their New Vision - New Programs - New Needs

At our Homecoming Zoom on November 5, we had terrific presentations from University Life senior administrators, **Valerie De Cruz** and **Mike Elias** who shared plans and vision for communal kitchens that can provide ongoing food support for Penn students.

Over the past few years we have discussed the significant undergraduate need for food stability. Penn has paid attention to the food needs of FGLI students (first generation and/or low income) and every student with either food insecurity or emergency needs. The University has strengthened support for all manner of student emotional, emergency and urgent needs and an entire division has been strengthened to provide that support. If you have a few minutes, please [watch this Zoom recording](#) to learn about those services.

Now each of us has a real opportunity to easily and individually support University efforts to help feed students. Please join me in this effort to contribute to the community kitchen initiative, by accessing the Amazon Cart to purchase shelf-stable items that will be distributed equitably among University Life spaces such as the Greenfield Intercultural Center, Penn Women's Center, and the LGBT Center. Each of us can do this I think. We started our lives in elementary school with food drives and have been philanthropic in so many ways. I know that we can surely continue that sort of support today. Even a \$10 gift can go a long way!

Visit [University Life Community Kitchens wishlist on Amazon](#) to purchase shelf-stable items by December 10. For easy direct shipping of

your contribution, when you proceed to check out, the shipping address should appear under "Other addresses" as " Andrea Alhadari Patton Gift Registry Address ". If this doesn't appear please use this information for the shipping address: Houston Hall Attn: Andrea Alhadari Patton, 3417 Spruce Street, Room 109, Philadelphia, PA 19104

There is the future possibility that 1968 might choose to more fully support the community kitchens to be housed in our spaces such as the Greenfield Intercultural Center, Penn Women's Center, and LGBT Center on Penn's campus. The kitchens would be a cornerstone of inclusive programming, a celebration of culture, and they are expected -- planned -- to be a place where friendships are nurtured through shared meals. Supporting the community kitchens extends beyond simply providing sustenance; it fosters community connections, a sense of belonging, and an overall sense of wellness at Penn. The kitchens will be open to all students, created to provide food support for any student in need at any time.

In solidarity with the centers and in support of community-based projects, Houston Hall has joined the initiative to assist with stocking the community kitchens. The incredible staff in Houston Hall will be partnering with each center to manage all aspects of the delivery and distribution processes. Stay tuned for further discussion of this option for a Class Gift for the 55th.

I know that University Life greatly appreciates the support of the Class of '68. Most important to me and I think—to you—is that we can each help to mitigate the food insecurity of Penn students easily. I am hopeful that we might even potentially expand our support to include long-term, sustainable methods of nourishing the communities who feel at home in spaces and centers. Greenfield has written a one-pager that may more fully explain the process and the program. To read about how 1968 can help Penn's Community Kitchens, [click this link](#). Please help and stay tuned! - Elsie



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