Changes at the Top

It’s the changing of the University guard, as President Drew Faust steps down and Lawrence S. Bacow moves from the Corporation to Massachusetts Hall. That created a vacancy on the senior governing board. But in fact there was a second: Joseph J. O’Donnell ’67, M.B.A.’71—like Bacow, a member elected in 2011 in the first cohort of new fellows as the Corporation expanded from seven members to its current 13—also concluded his service. Accordingly, the University announced on May 23 that two new Corporation members have been elected as of July 1: Penny S. Pritzker ’81 and Carolyn A. “Biddy” Martin. The annual transition in the Board of Overseers’ leadership will take effect at the same time.

Pritzker—former U.S. Secretary of Commerce and a past Overseer—has long been involved with her alma mater, but took a slight diversion from one of her intended engagements, as a leader of The Harvard Campaign, when President Barack Obama appointed her to a cabinet post. Now, she returns as a member of the Corporation. “It’s an incredible honor and privilege to be returning to Harvard in this important role,” she said in a statement in the University news announcement.

Martin, a Harvard alumnus and Trustee Emerita of the College, has expressed deep concern about rising anxiety and the need for support for students and staff. She and Bacow both have pledged their commitment to fostering a community that is inclusive and welcoming for all.

As a lifelong Harvard alumna, she has contributed to the University’s mission through her philanthropic support, as a member of the Campaign, and as a leader of The Harvard Alumni Association. She has also served on the Board of Overseers, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Martin’s involvement with the University extends beyond her alumni status. She has been a dedicated supporter of its programs and initiatives, and has played a leading role in shaping its future.

As a member of the Corporation, Martin will contribute to the University’s senior governance, providing guidance and oversight for its strategic direction and operations. She will work closely with Bacow to ensure the smooth transition of leadership and to chart a path forward for the University.

Research and positive contributions are central to Martin’s work. She is a leading member of a leading Chicago family, the Pritzkers, and has been involved in a variety of philanthropic activities, including support for the arts, education, and social services.

Martin’s appointment as a member of the Corporation is a testament to her commitment to Harvard and to the University’s mission. She will bring her broad experience and knowledge to the governance of the University, contributing to its ongoing success and growth.

As Bacow begins his tenure, he will be joined by a new board of Overseers, a new Corporation, and a new President. The University is poised for continued success and growth, with a strong and supportive community at its core.

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multitalented educator, brings relevant experience across the sector to her Corporation service. A first-generation student from a Virginia family, she earned her bachelor’s degree from the College of William & Mary, a master’s degree from Middlebury College’s program at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, and a Ph.D. in German literature from UW-Madison. Martin served on Cornell’s faculty for more than 20 years as a distinguished scholar of German studies and women’s studies. As provost from 2000 to 2008, she oversaw the development of a new life-sciences building, elevated the stature of humanities research and education, implemented a major financial-aid initiative that replaced need-based loans with grants, and developed the university’s priorities for a major capital campaign.

Martin was chancellor of her doctoral alma mater from 2008 to 2011—and thus knows, at first hand, what cuts in state higher-education budgets since the Great Recession have meant to flagship public universities. In 2011, she took the helm at Amherst, one of the nation’s premier liberal-arts institutions, where she has furthered that college’s leadership in ensuring access for low-income students. Martin, who has championed diversity, inclusion, and free expression, is one of the few openly gay higher-education leaders in the country.

“I am honored to be asked to serve on the Harvard Corporation,” she said in the news announcement. “The values that guide Harvard and the example it sets matter, not only to Harvard and its future, but also to the future of American higher education more broadly. I look forward to working with

University People

Top Teachers

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences annually recognizes its most outstanding teachers of undergraduates by conferring Harvard College Professorships: a five-year title that is accompanied by supplemental research support. This May, the dean of the faculty, Michael D. Smith, recognized Robin Bernstein, Dillon professor of American history and professor of African and African American studies and of studies of women, gender, and sexuality; Lawrence Bobo, Du Bois professor of the social sciences; George Lauder, Bigelow professor of ichthyology; Yukio Lippit, professor of history of art and architecture (featured in “Works in Wood,” September–October 2008, page 44); and Amy Wagers, Forst Family professor of stem cell and regenerative biology (see “A Hidden Youthfulness,” January–February 2010, page 27).

Faculty Leaders

This spring, Dean Smith also unveiled the Arts and Sciences Professorships, a new honor recognizing faculty members who have made significant leadership contributions while sustaining their teaching and scholarship. The new chairs, lasting five years like Harvard College Professorships (above), have been enabled by funds raised through the capital campaign since 2012, and come with incremental support for the recipients’ research. An initial recipient, in 2013, was Jeff Lichtman, Knowles professor of molecular and cellular biology (covered in “Shedding Light on Life,” May–June 2008, page 40). A fuller cohort, presented this April, includes Catherine Dulac, Higgins professor of molecular and cellular biology (see “The Mr. Mom Switch,” May–June 2015, page 11); Jennifer Lewis, Wyss professor of biologically inspired engineering (featured in the January–February 2017 cover article, “Building Toward a Kidney”); Louis Menand, Bass professor of English (and a Harvard College Professor); and Mary C. Waters, Loeb professor of sociology (covered in “End of the Melting Pot?” May–June 2007, page 44).

Radcliffe Roster

The Radcliffe Institute has announced its 53 fellows for the 2018-2019 academic year. Nine are Harvard faculty members: Robin Bernstein, Dillon professor of African and African American studies and of studies of women, gender, and sexuality; Sara Bleich, professor of public health policy; Marine Denolle, assistant professor of earth and planetary sciences; Lisa R. Diller, professor of biology and medical sciences; Cora Dworkin, assistant professor of physics; Cynthia Dwork, McKay professor of computer science; Myrto Kalouptsidi, assistant professor of economics; Durba Mitra, assistant professor of women, gender, and sexuality; and Janet Rich-Edwards, associate professor of medicine and associate professor of epidemiology (and co-director of the science program at Radcliffe). Further details appear at harvardmag.com/rias-fellows-18.

Guggenheims Galore

Faculty members awarded 2018 Guggenheim Memorial Fellowships include Joyce E. Chaplin, Phillips professor of early American history; Peter A. Hall, Krupp Foundation professor of European studies (see “Anatomy of the Euro Crisis,” July–August 2013, page 24); Jane Kamensky, professor of history and director of

PORTRAITURE PROJECT: Harvard’s Portraiture Project, meant to include important members of the community, has now produced its likeness of the late S. Allen Counter, founding director of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations. The painting was unveiled in Annenberg Hall in late April.

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President Bacow and the members of the Corporation to help steward this remarkable institution and promote its mission in the world."

In the sense that Martin succeeds Bacow (who of course remains on the Corporation as president), the board retains in active service a strong complement of higher-education leaders.

Newly elected Overseers’ president Susan L. Carney ’73, J.D. ’77, has been a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit since 2011. Previously, she served as deputy general counsel at Yale, where she was involved in a broad range of university issues; and as associate general counsel of the Peace Corps. She has chaired the Overseers’ standing committee on humanities and arts, and served on its executive and nominating committees, among others. Carney also served on various visiting committees, including those for the Medical School and School of Dental Medicine. One element of continuity in the transition: Carney served on the search committee that resulted in the election of Bacow as twenty-ninth president. (Her husband, journalist Lincoln Caplan ’72, J.D. ’76, is a frequent contributor to and contributing editor of Harvard Magazine.)

Gwll E. York ’79, M.B.A. ’84, will serve as vice chair of the Overseers’ executive committee. She co-founded and is a man-

in Political Science, the leading international recognition in the field, it comes with a $500,000 Swedish kronor honorarium.

**AAAS Honorands**
The American Academy of Arts and Sciences announced the election of 213 new members to its class of 2018, including 11 faculty members: Cynthia M. Friend, Richards professor of chemistry and professor of materials science; Susan M. Dyneeki, professor of genetics; Naomi E. Pierce, Hessel professor of biology; Patricia A. D’Amore, Schepens professor of ophthalmology; Christopher A. Walsh, Bullard professor of pediatrics and neurology; J. Wade Harper, Vallee professor of molecular pathology; Gita Gopinath, Zwaanstra professor of international studies and of economics; Jeffry A. Frieden, Stanfield professor of international peace; Pippa Norris, McGuire lecturer in comparative politics; Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Thomas professor of history and of African and African American studies; and Rebecca M. Henderson, McArthur University Professor.

**Literary Lions**
Frank Bidart, A.M. ’67, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for the collection *Half-light*, and Caroline Fraser, Ph.D. ’87, the Pulitzer in biography for *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*....

Winners of 2018 Whiting Awards, which confer $50,000 stipends on emerging writers, included WeiKe Wang ’11, S.D. ’17, whose recent novel is *Chemistry*, and AntoineW Nwandu ’02, a playwright who wrote *Breach: a manifesto on race in america through the eyes of a black girl recovering from self-hate.*

**Library Leave-Taking**
Sarah E. Thomas, since 2013 vice president for the Harvard Library and University Librarian and Larsen librarian of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will retire at year-end. Provost Alan Garber made the announcement on May 30; he will begin the search for a successor during the summer. Thomas consolidated library functions following cuts and reorganization after the financial crisis; a University library committee now guides common practices and policies.
News Briefs

Dean Duo

As the Harvard presidency transitions from Drew Faust to Lawrence S. Bacow, two deanships were filled by appointments announced late in spring term.

Tomiko Brown-Nagin, Paul professor of constitutional law and professor of history, has been appointed dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, effective July 1. She succeeds Jones professor of American studies Elizabeth Cohen, who returns to research and teaching, following seven years leading the institute.

Brown-Nagin, who earned her J.D. at Yale and her Ph.D. at Duke, came to Harvard from the University of Virginia in 2012. Her academic footings, in a professional school and the liberal arts, mirror the institute’s University-wide interests and programs—and she has direct experience at Radcliffe as well, as a fellow in the 2016-2017 academic year. She is currently faculty director of the law school’s Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, bridging scholarship and practice. Her 2011 book, *Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of the Civil Rights Movement,* won the Bancroft Prize, conferred on outstanding works on U.S. history, and she is now working on a life of Constance Baker Motley, the first African-American female federal judge. For a full profile, see harvardmag.com/brown-nagin-18.

At the Graduate School of Education, Bridget Terry Long, Saris professor of education and economics, has been appointed dean as of July 1, succeeding James E. Ryan, president-elect of the University of Virginia.

Long earned her doctorate at Harvard and began teaching at the school in 2000; she served as academic dean from 2013 to 2017. Her research focuses on the transition from high school to college, including such factors as college preparation and financial aid. She is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and also serves on the board of directors of Buckingham Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge.

As president-elect Lawrence S. Bacow emphasizes the importance of higher education in face of public criticism and partisan challenges (see “Continuity and Change,” May-June, page 14). Long’s expertise, and Bacow’s familiarity with her work, may be especially pertinent. In a statement accompanying the news, he said, “I came to know Bridget Terry Long during my time in residence at the Graduate School of Education. We share a common interest and passion for improving access to higher education for talented students from families of limited means. I look forward to working closely with her to achieve this goal and to advancing the important work of the School.” A more detailed report appears at harvardmag.com/long-18.

Breaking with a precedent set by some peer schools, Harvard will begin negotiations with the newly elected graduate-student union.

Graduate Student Union

In April, Harvard graduate students voted 1,931-1,523 in favor of forming a labor union, ending a protracted, fiercely contested debate over unionization across the University. Provost Alan Garber announced in early May that Harvard “is prepared to begin good-faith negotiations” with the union—a notable break from the precedent set by Columbia, Yale, and the University of Chicago, which have refused to bargain with the victorious student unions elected on their respective campuses.

The Harvard Graduate Student Union—United Auto Workers (HGSU-UAW) covers a bargaining unit of about 5,000 research and teaching assistants from across Harvard’s schools, including the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the professional schools, and the College. This election was Harvard’s second: graduate students previously voted on unionizing in November 2016, an election that turned out to be inconclusive. A majority of students then voted against unionizing, but after more than a year of legal battles that reached the federal National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Washington, Harvard was ordered to hold a second election. The University had failed to provide a complete list of eligible voters prior to the election, creating confusion about eligibility, the NLRB found.

HGSU-UAW was notably better organized in the weeks leading up to this election than the previous one: student organizers at the Law School and other professional schools, not just Ph.D. candidates, rallied support among their peers, and the union’s social-media messaging stressed the benefits of unionizing for students across Harvard. Still, at the vote count at the Boston NLRB on April 20, representatives from HGSU-UAW were ecstatic and appeared,