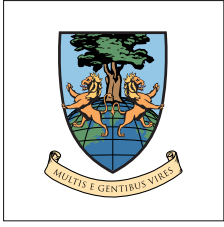


# GREGORY COLLEGE HOUSE



The House coat of arms was created in 2001 by Danielle Greenwell and Minesh Patel. The motto for Gregory means "From Many Peoples, Strength."

**Gregory College House** is one of the coziest living environments at Penn, and an inviting alternative to the larger College Houses. Not only does each Gregorian have private bedroom space, but the House, which comprises neighboring buildings Van Pelt Manor and the Class of 1925, is small and friendly enough for everyone to get to know one another. And they do: each week features a study break, Sunday brunch, at least seven film screenings, hot chocolate night, coffee hours in a variety of languages, several TV-watching groups, academic study sessions, ping-pong and soccer matches, and any number of other small-scale, laid-back events that successfully create a family atmosphere while not disrupting studies or infringing on residents' privacy.

This family crosses boundaries of nation, school and especially class year; in Gregory, the sizable freshman community (45% of the House population) interacts regularly with upperclassmen, most of whom are returning for their second, third, or fourth years in the House. These residents work together to shape Gregory, which prides itself on its level of student commitment. Students from all years volunteer on the House Council which debates policies, makes purchases, and compiles a House yearbook. Enthusiastic veterans with leadership potential are selected to join the largest Manager Board in the College House system, which plans events, runs facilities, publishes newsletters, selects theater, opera, and sporting event tickets, and invites faculty guests for *Dinner with Gregory*. Upperclassmen mentor new students in schedule selection, study skills and individual coursework; two proven Gregorians serve as Resident Advisors promoting community on the freshman floors of Van Pelt. The team of Information Technology Advisors plays a fundamental role not only in computer support but in the direction of the House; indeed, the idea for round-the-clock computer support in the College Houses was born here. Each year the *Joanne Lucid Memorial Award* honors a student who has notably contributed to House community. Another way Gregory supports its community is by welcoming family members of residents for short visits in the fully furnished, two-bedroom guest suite.

These endeavors are encouraged and supported by a large staff – Gregory has the highest ratio of staff to students in the College House system, and thus undergraduate residents are more likely to mix with faculty and graduate mentors at open houses, over a game of *Rock Band* on the House Xbox 360 or *Brawl* on the House Wii, and on regular restaurant excursions downtown with *The Gregory Gourmand*.

## Film Culture Program (FCP)

The Film Culture Program is devoted to movie lovers interested in expanding their knowledge of the art form. Each semester the program averages 45-55 eclectic screenings in the ultra-comfortable film lounge and 5-10 Philadelphia theater excursions, the majority followed by discussion moderated by the House Dean, Program Director, or upperclass veterans. Many FCP students receive academic credit for their participation; others take part just for fun. FCP publishes a collection of student writing and hosts a night of the College House Student Film Festival. See <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/filmculture.aspx> for more details. [Comprises 14% of House population.]

## The Modern Languages Program (MLP)

MLP, based in Class of 1925, is made up of six language groups, *Casa Hispanica*, *Casa Italiana*, *Chinese House*, *Deutsches Haus*, *Maison Française* and *Russkij Dom*. The first five are staffed by resident Program Directors who are accomplished graduate students (often native speakers) chosen to promote the goals of language immersion and cultural exposure; Russian House is run in collaboration with the Department of Slavic Languages. Each group hosts a film series and meets multiple times a week for meals, gatherings and excursions consisting of everything from language *Pictionary* to cooking instruction to opera and dance. These close-knit communities have members from all four class years, with veterans, often as Managers, taking on a guiding role; many participants are interested in international business, law, or careers in diplomacy, and often plan to study abroad while at Penn. Both beginners and those with considerable language fluency are welcome; dedicated residents often show great improvement in their speaking skills, and indeed many gain course credit in French, German, Italian, Russian, or Spanish. See <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/mlp.aspx> for more details. [Comprises 31% of House population.]

*Gregory has become my home away from home. As a freshman I met many upperclassmen at weekly house events who provided me with advice about classes, studying strategies and even old books. I watched movies with the House Dean and the GAs. My floor was primarily freshmen but half the building was upperclassmen, a perfect mix: **freshmen like me and seasoned Penn students willing to help us.** — ERICA DENHOFF, COLLEGE '08*



Left: Dr. Christopher Donovan  
Right: Prof. Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw

**FIVE UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT US**

- Small enough to get to know everyone, including staff, on a first-name basis
- All residents have a private bedroom; all suites have their own bathroom
- A multitude of community-building House-wide events, at least 20 per week
- High retention rate: many residents stay for four years
- Language and film programs create a highly international feel and offer options for academic credit



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**2008-09 Faculty/Staff:**

**Faculty Master**  
Prof. Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw  
*Associate Professor, History of Art, School of Arts and Sciences*

**House Dean**  
Dr. Christopher Donovan

**College House Fellows**  
Dr. Leslie Delauter  
*Director, College Houses and Academic Services*

Prof. David Kazanjian  
*Associate Professor of English and Graduate Chair, School of Arts and Sciences*

Prof. Talid Sinno  
*Associate Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science*

**Associate Fellow**  
Dr. Sonya Gwak

**Undergraduate Residents: 248**  
(excluding RAs and GAs)

**Number of Freshmen: 111**

**Number of GAs: 10**

**Number of RAs: 2**

**Room Types**

Singles; 2-bedroom doubles; 4-bedroom quads; suite style

**House Amenities**

*Van Pelt Manor:* 4 floors; guest suite for family members; seminar room/ study center with free coffee; Piano Lounge with grand piano and HDTV and Xbox 360/Wii consoles; Film Lounge with projector, Blu-ray, and plasma TV; basement study space with computers; kitchen with TV/DVD; bicycle storage room; music practice room; game room with ping pong, pool, air hockey and foosball tables; DVD loaning library; dumbwaiters

*Class of 1925:* 4 floors; Greenhouse Lounge with kitchen; computer lab; study and meeting rooms; two additional lounges with kitchens; reading library; music practice room with piano; pool table; bicycle storage room; TV lounge with projection television, multi-standard VCR/DVD and stereo system; dumbwaiters

**Dining Location**

Class of 1920 Commons, Lower Level

