

**MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: INNOVATION AND ANTI-RACISM**  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Dear Faculty, Staff and Trainees,

If today is your holiday, Happy New Year!!! I know many were preparing for celebrations starting at sundown –always exciting! And the weather is collaborating to facilitate travel, too.

I wanted to thank all of you who attended the state of the department meeting at noon on Tuesday. It is always helpful to take stock of where we have been. I was excited to be able to share with you the wonderful progress that all of you have brought about. I hope you find it as gratifying as I do to see clear evidence that your efforts are paying off.

So, for all of this, thank you!!

As I mentioned on Tuesday, Tuesday we opened the new HUP Crisis Response Center at 54th and Cedar Avenue. It is a wonderful facility and, in the words of our chief residents, “beautiful.” It is completely state-of-the-art and we integrated all of the things we learned in operating another new CRC at Pennsylvania Hospital which opened in a renovated space several years ago, relocated from the Hall Mercer Building. I am so delighted that Penn Medicine invested in this great space to provide a desperately needed service to our neighbors in West and South Philadelphia. Our neighbors deserve that and more!

Of course, I want to remind you of how important it is that you take care of yourself. Please build your resilience by engaging in gratitude and practicing altruism. Keep to your routines, whether it is your routine for exercise, sleep, or eating. And remember, the work you do is extremely meaningful and important. Our patients, future and current, thank you for all you do!

Warmly, m

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**REMAINING GROUNDED WHILE FINDING COMMON GROUND,  
CULTIVATING STRATEGIES FOR DIALOGUE ACROSS POLITICAL DIVIDES**

“Remaining grounded while finding common ground: cultivating strategies for dialogue across political divides”, a dialogue between Edward Brodtkin, MD and political science professor Matthew Levendusky, PhD, University of Pennsylvania undergraduate students, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Paideia Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. September 21, 2023.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to join the dialogue.

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