

# Welcome Home, Class of 2021

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## Greetings from Faculty Director Dr. Dennis DeTurck

Congratulations on joining the Riepe community. All of us permanent residents of the east end of the Quad can't wait to greet you in person when you arrive on campus. We know that Riepe College House is a great place to live and we're looking forward to showing you why.

I'm the Faculty Director of the house, and you'll be able to find me in McIlhenney (first floor) when I'm not in my math professor office on the third floor of the DRL. Nobody in Riepe fails calculus while I'm here! Seriously, I look forward to discussing math, science and all manner of things with you – I've been at Penn for a long time, so I can answer a lot of your questions or else I probably know the person who can. And be sure to stop by on Wednesday nights at 10pm for cookies (and frequent music), and at other times for our "got math?" tutoring sessions.

Throughout Penn's College House system, each house has several faculty members in residence, and Riepe is no exception. Three of my colleagues reside in Riepe:

Dr. Amy Stornaiuolo lives with her husband Vincenzo in Cleeman (second floor). She leads the Riepe Mentors Program and reaches out to undergraduates interested in education, child psychology, urban issues, and dialogue across the lines of language and literacy.

Dr. Ralph Rosen teaches in the Classics department. He and his wife Ellen have lived in Riepe for several years, and are looking forward to another year of Sunday open houses featuring Ralph's barista skills, and the Dinners for Ten series.

And of course House Dean Dr. Marilynne Diggs-Thompson (or Dean Diggs, as you'll learn to call her) completes the Riepe faculty team. Besides making Riepe hum along like a well-oiled machine and cooking up impressive amounts of terrific homemade food for you guys, she teaches in the Anthropology department.

All of us are looking forward to another great year at Riepe, in the Quad, and at Penn. We can't wait until you become part of the family. See you in late August!



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Riepe College House

# Letter from House Dean Dr. Marilynne Diggs-Thompson



Welcome to Riepe College House, the second largest community in the Quad and home to an extended family of over 450 smart, creative, innovative, and passionate students, faculty, and staff. Comprised of 12 residential buildings clustered around the “Baby Quad” and Lower Quad, Riepe College House is both historically important and architecturally beautiful. Indoors and out, it is a great setting for your freshman year experience.

You may have already heard that Riepe is frequently referred to as Penn’s best home away from home. Our event calendar always features a nice mixture of home-cooked and catered comfort food dinners, study breaks, Sunday brunches, pancake breakfasts, and outdoor picnics and barbecues. Dean DeTurck’s weekly cookie night is now legendary. It is important to us that we offer residents a good mix of on-campus and off-campus academic, cultural and social events. For example, the House and the faculty host dinners designed to provide you with information about the major and minor options available to you at Penn, as well as information workshops about graduate, medical and law school. You can decompress at our weekly yoga and meditation sessions. Our social calendar features regularly scheduled trips into Center City where you may choose to sample some of the regional and international food options offered at Reading Terminal Market or at Philadelphia’s impressive array of restaurants, cafes and bistros, and food trucks. The House sponsors first-run movie nights, museum and concert outings and trips to local theme parks. We have already reserved tickets for “Wicked,” and for the opening night concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, for a Phillies baseball at Citizen’s Bank Park, for a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game at the Wells Fargo Center later in the fall, and for several local soccer matches.

Although the House offers a full schedule of on- and off-campus events, Riepe residents can always find plenty of quiet spaces where they can study or simply kick back and enjoy a good book. The staff tries to offer residents a nice balance of fun, food, and intellectual stimulation within a supportive yet laid back lifestyle. In short, Riepe is an all-around great House and I look forward to welcoming you into our wonderful family.

Thank you!

Dr. Diggs-Thompson (aka Dean Diggs)



## What’s in a Name?

Riepe College House (pronounced “ree-pee”) is named after James S. Riepe W’65 and Gail Riepe CW’68, two prominent Penn alumni. Mr. Riepe recently served as the chairman of Penn’s Board of Trustees (he remains a Trustee) and Mrs. Riepe serves on the School of Veterinary Medicine’s Board of Overseers. Their connection to Penn is particularly strong when it comes to the Quad—three generations of the Riepe family have called it home.

# Meet your Faculty Fellows!



## **Dr. Ralph and Ellen Rosen | Ward 205 | Coffee, OJ & Music**

Greetings! We are one of the faculty families in residence. Ralph teaches in Department of Classical Studies. Ellen, until recently a lawyer who worked for several decades in the banking world, currently serves on the boards of the Presser Foundation, The Musical Fund Society and the Alliance Française. She also volunteers in the library of the Lea School for the West Philadelphia Alliance for Children. We have two grown children, Ben, a musician in Philadelphia, and Charlotte, who is going to Northwestern University for her Ph.D. in history. We love living in Riepe and are eager to get to know everyone this year! As a Classicist, Ralph spends much of his time thinking about the ancient world, and is fascinated by pretty much any aspect of pre-modernity. But it's the connections with our own world that especially excite him, whether it's comparing ancient and modern comedians or political theorists. Make sure to ask him (if you dare!) about his class, Scandalous Arts in Ancient and Modern Society. We both have many interests that go well beyond the academic, and are eager to share them with you—music, theater, art, and cooking. Ralph has a few other obsessions which I'm sure you'll hear about at some point. One of them you'll be able to enjoy, Ralph roasts his own coffee! Anyone who wants to become initiated into the mysteries of pulling the perfect shot of espresso will definitely want to stop by our Sunday Café. And while you're over enjoying an espresso or cappuccino, fresh squeezed orange juice and treats, you can listen to music on his vacuum tube stereo equipment. Got vinyl? We still have a record player, and lots of LPs. The specialty of the house is jazz, but we have lots of classical music, rock, hip-hop and indie pop as well. We hope you'll share your favorites with us, too. Among the various regular house activities we host are monthly Dinners for Ten, during which small groups of you can have dinner and conversation in our apartment with a special guest from Penn's faculty or someone in the community. We look forward to meeting all of you soon!



## **Dr. Amy and Vincenzo Stornaiuolo | 209 Magee | Pasta & Sci Fi**

Hello everyone! We are one of the faculty families joining Riepe this year, and we are looking forward to getting to know everyone. Amy teaches in the Reading, Writing, and Literacy department in the Graduate School of Education. She studies adolescents' digital practices, especially the role of new technologies in schools and the possibility of social media to connect people globally (she has a global media program in multiple countries, so she sometimes travels to interesting places as part of her research). She will also be organizing the Riepe Mentors Residential Program this year, which brings together 24 Riepe students who will tutor in Philadelphia public schools. Vincenzo is a chef from Italy (Sicily, to be precise, which you will immediately know when you talk to him). He is excited to cook Italian dishes for everyone and maybe even hold a few cooking lessons for those who want to brush up on culinary skills. As a former semi-pro basketball player in his native Italy, he is keen on watching basketball games or throwing a ball around on occasion with interested folks. We have two grown boys who will visit occasionally. VJ is a yoga teacher in Northern California and Frankie is an actor in Los Angeles. We are looking forward to hosting regular pasta dinners and to sharing our enthusiasm for all things fantasy and sci fi with other like-minded people. Amy is a former college writing teacher and will help people with essays and writing assignments at drop in sessions each month. We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

# Program Floors

## Riepe Mentors

Nestled in the second floor of the Baby Quad are the twenty-four members of the Riepe Mentors residential program. They are led by Penn Nursing Ph.D. student, Josh Jayasinghe, and their faculty Director, Riepe House Fellow Dr. Amy Stornaiuolo.

The purpose of the program is to connect our Riepe Mentors freshmen and the students and faculty from three public elementary schools in Philadelphia: Albert M. Greenfield School, Henry C. Lea Elementary School, and Samuel Powel Elementary School. Riepe Mentors come from cities all across the country and around the world, but are linked by their shared commitment to community service. They bring this commitment to the children at these schools who benefit from their weekly encouragement and support. By joining the Riepe Mentors community with the communities at Greenfield, Lea, and Powel, Riepe Mentors support the learning and growth of both Penn and elementary school students. Mentors become a significant part of the life of the school and through their service and care they create important connections between Penn and the Philadelphia elementary schools.

Mentors also serve Riepe College House by organizing house-wide community service projects. These involve improving playground areas, painting classrooms and halls, planting bulbs and generally beautifying the Powel campus. All Riepe residents are encouraged to join in community service opportunities and fundraising events sponsored by Mentors.

## Integrated Studies Program

Integrated Studies is one of Penn's most distinctive opportunities for freshmen. It is a residentially-based, year-long, intensive liberal arts program, specifically for College students who have been admitted as Benjamin Franklin Scholars. Intellectually ambitious Riepe residents who are members of this program will take half of their freshmen-year courses in Integrated Studies on topics such as justice, time, human nature, identity, origins, and change, from a variety of perspectives in the physical sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.

The communal living provides space for discussion, debate and intellectual engagement within a comfortable setting, while the diverse nature of the admitted pool ensures consistent challenge and personal growth. Support will be provided by Dr. Dennis DeTurck and Dr. Ralph Rosen. The goal of this program is to help broadly-curious intellectual risk-takers find each other and find the pleasures of discovery and wonder—the hallmarks of liberal arts learning.

## Get Involved!

Looking for a way to kick-start your campus connection? Become an integral part of your College House community by promoting sustainable living through the College House Eco-Reps program. Information about applying for the 2017-2018 school year will be available soon. Learn more about what it means to be an Eco-Rep for your College House at Penn's Green Campus Partnership and sign up for notifications when applications are open.

[https://riepe.house.upenn.edu/eco\\_reps](https://riepe.house.upenn.edu/eco_reps)

Other opportunities to get involved on campus that get started very early in the semester include Undergraduate Assembly, Class Board, and more. Look forward to the Fall SAC Activity's Fair on August 31 from 5pm-8pm.

# Fall Semester Highlights

Freshman House Meeting & First Hall Meeting  
August 23

House Picnic  
September 3

Philadelphia Orchestra Opening Night  
October 5

International Dinner

Family Weekend  
October 27-29

Oktoberfest

Homecoming, Penn vs. Princeton  
November 4

House Holiday Dinner



## Faculty Events:

Every Wednesday:  
Cookie Night with Dean DeTurck

Alternating Sundays:  
Event with Amy and Vincenzo  
-or-  
Coffee Hour with the Rosens

One Tuesday per month:  
Comfort Food Dinner with Dean Diggs

# Help Wanted!



**Work-Study Jobs  
@  
11th Hour Grotto**

Work Comfortably, Work in Riepe!  
More information on how to apply at the  
**BIG HOUSE MEETING** August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
For more info, email Manager Red Joseph: joal-  
fred@sas.upenn.edu



**Information  
Technology  
Assistants**

Information Technology Assistants (ITAs) are your solution for computer support. ITA Managers ?? oversee the highly competent ITA staff who are here to help at the fully-equipped Nussddorf Computer Lab.

ITAs will also help get your computer running as well as answer any technical questions about computing in the House and at Penn as soon as you arrive.

Information on applying to become an ITA can be found at:  
[http://rescomp.house.upenn.edu/students/ITA\\_Information](http://rescomp.house.upenn.edu/students/ITA_Information)

# Move-In Tips

## Housing and Room-Related FAQs

### Can I visit my room over the summer? What does my room have?

Sorry, you cannot. Our buildings are occupied by Summer Conference participants and guests of the University. However, floor plans and amenities are listed on the Campus Express housing portal.

### How early can I move in?

Official move-in dates are listed online in Campus Express. Please check to see your assigned move-in date and time. Most Riepe residents will move in on either ??? Please note: once a resident has picked up room keys, they are officially taking occupancy of the room, and will be billed accordingly. For more info: <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/residential-services/services-a-support/move-inout/early-arrivals.html>

### What should I bring?

Follow this link to find a list of items to bring: <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/residential-services/services-a-support/move-inout/move-in-easier.html>

### Can I change to another room in the Quad before Move-In?

No, room changes are made only during scheduled periods throughout the year. More information about this will be made available on the Housing Services website at that time. During room change periods, we cannot guarantee another Quad room.

### Can I ship stuff to my room?

Your mailing address is indicated in your assignment information. Given the high volume of mail and packages around move-in, we ask that you time your shipping to coincide with your arrival and not too many days earlier than that date. Please add 1-2 days to shipping company's delivery time estimates for campus processing. Please be advised, Riepe does not have a storage room for belongings that you ship but cannot fit in your room

### For additional information, visit:

<http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/residential-services/services-a-support/move-inout.html>

# Computing Tips

Before coming to Penn, there are few steps you can take to make your computing experience hassle-free.

### PCs

- ◇ If you have an antivirus, make sure to turn it on (if you don't have one, you'll get Symantec antivirus for free)
- ◇ Turn on your firewall
- ◇ Make sure you have a password for your computer

### Macs

- ◇ Turn your firewall on
- ◇ Set up a password
- ◇ Get the latest updates from Apple

If you are unsure how to take any of these steps, that's not a problem. When you arrive on campus, an ITA will assist you with setting up your system and connecting you to the Penn network.





**See you soon!**  
**Riepe College House**

