



## Upcoming Conference News

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### Fun Facts: Pittsburg Firsts

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#### 1845

The world's first wire cable suspension aqueduct bridge was built in Pittsburgh over the Allegheny River at 11th Street.

#### 1889

The first Carnegie Library in the United States was dedicated on March 30, 1889. The Braddock Carnegie Library is still in operation.

#### 1893

The first Ferris wheel, designed and built by George Ferris, a bridge builder from Pittsburgh, was the highlight of the Chicago World's Fair.

#### 1913

The nation's first gas station, built by Gulf Refining, opened in Pittsburgh.

#### 1920

Pittsburgh's KDKA was the first commercial radio station in the United States.

#### 1926

The University of Pittsburgh began construction on the first university skyscraper, the 42-story Cathedral of Learning.

#### 1952

Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine at the University of Pittsburgh.

#### 1967

The first Big Mac was created in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, by Jim Delligatti, a McDonald's franchise owner.

#### 1971

Mr. Yuk was created by Richard Moriarty of the Pittsburgh Poison Center at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, replacing the skull and crossbones symbol.

#### 1979

Carnegie Mellon University started the Robotics Institute, the first robotics department at a U.S. university, in Pittsburgh.

#### 1982

Carnegie Mellon University computer scientist Scott Fahlman created the smiley emoticon.

#### 1989

Presbyterian University Hospital was the site of the world's first simultaneous heart, liver, and kidney transplant, which was performed on a 26-year-old woman.

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