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Pescovitz to lead organ transplant program

Mark Pescovitz, MD, has been selected to direct The Clarian Transplant

Center, Division of Organ Transplant Surgery at Indiana University Hospital and the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

Dr. Pescovitz has been a member of the IUSM faculty since 1988. A professor of surgery and of microbiology and immunology, his specialty is transplantation of the adult and pediatric kidney, pancreas and liver.

Active in numerous professional associations, Dr. Pescovitz currently serves as the Regent 10 councilor and a board member of the United Network for Organ Sharing. UNOS brings together medical professionals, transplant recipients and donor families to develop organ transplantation policy.

He is an internationally recognized transplant researcher with more than 170 publications and serves on the editorial board of the journal *Transplantation*.

Dr. Pescovitz received his medical degree at Northwestern University Medical School and completed residency training and fellowships at the University of Minnesota and the National Institutes of Health.

He will be the second surgeon to direct the organ transplantation program at IU School of Medicine. He succeeds Ronald Filo, MD, professor emeritus of surgery, who was recruited in 1974 to develop the Section of Organ Transplantation within the IU Department of Surgery.

Indiana University Medical Center led the state with many surgical firsts in organ transplantation:

- 1965 – living related kidney transplant
- 1969 – pediatric kidney transplant
- 1969 – adult cadaver kidney transplant
- 1988 – pediatric heart transplant
- 1988 – pancreas transplant
- 1988 – adult and pediatric liver transplants
- 1990 – twin-to-twin pediatric heart transplant

- 2003 – pediatric intestine transplant

As one of the top transplant centers in the country, Clarian ranked seventh nationally in 2002 and fourth during the first half of this year by volume. It performs more transplants than all other Indiana transplant centers combined, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Additionally, the transplant center is the only health system in the state to perform heart, kidney, liver, pancreas and intestine transplants.

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Brain surgeon, local congresswoman among Diversity Week speakers

Several speakers and topics will help recognize Diversity Week and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pediatric neurosurgeon Benjamin Carson Sr., known for his expertise in separating conjoined twins and conducting brain surgery to control seizures, will deliver the keynote address at the 34th annual IUPUI dinner honoring Dr. King.

Carson, who first gained international recognition as the principal surgeon in the 22-hour separation of conjoined twins from Germany in 1987, will speak at dinner to be at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the dinner whose theme is “Striving for Excellence, and Continuing the Dream.” Tickets for the King Dinner are \$20 each for IUPUI undergraduate students, \$35 for IUPUI faculty and staff, and \$35 for community guests. Tables of eight also are available. Tickets are available through Campus and Community Life at 274-3931, or on the Web site at www.life.iupui.edu/CCL/diversity/MLK.asp.

The afternoon of Jan. 19, Dr. Carson will speak at IUSM. The time and place are to be announced.

The 2004 dinner is a collaborative event sponsored by the IU School of Medicine, the IUPUI Black Student Union and the IUPUI MLK Dinner Committee.

Other speakers scheduled by the IUSM Diversity Council are:

- Monday, Jan. 12 – William Lawson, MD, PhD, chair, Department of Psychiatry, Howard University
- Tuesday, Jan. 13 – Clive Callendar, MD, chair, Department of Surgery and director of transplant surgery at Howard University
- Wednesday, Jan. 14 – Elena Rios, MD, president, Hispanic Medical Association
- Thursday, Jan. 15 – Rep. Julia Carson, D-Ind., if Congress is not in recess, Virginia Caine, MD, MPH, director of the Marion County Health Dept. and president, American Public Health Association, will speak in Carson's stead.

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IU halftime show to feature IUSM

IUSM will be showcased during the halftime show of the IU vs. Moorehead State basketball game at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

John Cleland, a Zionsville high school science teacher, will be profiled. He was one of the first men to be cured of testicular cancer through a treatment developed at the IU Cancer Center. Cleland was one of the speakers during the Oct. 16 Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope™ stop in Indianapolis.

The event, featuring five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong,

was hosted in part by IUSM, IU Cancer Center and Clarian Health at Conseco Fieldhouse. Armstrong and Larry Einhorn, MD, who developed the chemotherapy regimen for testicular cancer 25 years ago, also will be mentioned.

Also spotlighted on the halftime show will be the IU School of Nursing and Professor Anna McDaniel, PhD. She will discuss “Escape from Nicontina” a video game designed to educate pre-teens on the risks of smoking.

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Applications professionalism competency director due Dec. 22

The Curriculum Council of IUSM seeks a competency director for professionalism. The director will work with course and clerkship directors, faculty from all IUSM Centers for Medical Education, students and the Dean’s Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs to facilitate the teaching, assessment, development and documentation of students’ competence in professionalism.

Candidates must have experience in teaching and assessing professionalism in undergraduate medical education and have at least 20 percent protected time from their department to dedicate to this role.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vita, and a letter of support from their department chair that specifically addresses the candidate’s protected time for the position to Paula Smith, Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, EF 200 (317-274-4556 or psmith4@iupui.edu).

Applications should be received no later than Monday, Dec. 22. Electronic applications are encouraged.

Additional information about the competency curriculum can be found at <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/>.

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Prostate cancer pilot project proposals requested

The Central Indiana Prostate Cancer Foundation in conjunction with the Indiana University Cancer Center is inviting pilot proposals for prostate cancer research projects. Funding is scheduled to begin on April 1.

A primary goal of the CIPCF is to stimulate multi-disciplinary and translational research that will decrease the incidence and adverse impact of prostate cancer. Translational research seeks to develop and bring laboratory observations to innovative clinical trials. Applications from all relevant disciplines are welcome.

The duration of funding is one year and the budget should not exceed \$20,000. Applicants must be affiliated with IU and the funds should not be used for fellowship or training purposes. Applicants may have received prior or current extramural research funding, but the proposed project should be separate from previous/current funded projects.

The proposal must target prostate cancer. Preference will be given to those proposals that involve translational research and may lead to extramural funding applications.

Final applications are due by Friday, **Feb. 13**.

The body of the proposal should not exceed three pages. A budget should be included and address the usual categories of personnel, supplies and equipment (which must be justified). A lay description is required on a separate page and will be reviewed by members of the Central Indiana

Prostate Cancer Foundation. Ten copies are required. Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee.

Criteria for review are:

1. Scientific merit
2. Prostate cancer relatedness
3. Multidisciplinary and translational nature
4. Potential for subsequent peer reviewed funding

Applications should be sent to Elizabeth Parsons, IU Cancer Center, 535 Barnhill Dr., Room 455, Indianapolis, IN 46202. For additional information, call 278-0078.

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Visual Media offers production grant

The Office of Visual Media invites faculty and staff to make proposals for a special project production grant. All departments on campus are eligible to apply for the grant. The production grant can be utilized by IU faculty and staff to prepare a media element that would meet departmental, student or patient education needs.

The special production grant is worth 50 percent of the cost of the project (up to a maximum award of \$7,500). The winner will chose the media elements they would like to utilize including graphic design, photography, print, video production or multimedia (web, CD-ROM).

A committee will review the grant applications and one winner will be selected for the winter award. This special production grant will be awarded twice each year. This is the first time this grant has been offered.

The grant applications are due **Monday, Feb. 2**, and the winner will be announced on Monday, March 15.

To apply for the Office of Visual Media Production Grant, interested parties should submit a letter of no more than three pages. It should include target audience, objectives and if a video, please note the desired length. If a Web or CD-ROM project, the level of interactivity desired should also be included.

Submit grant applications to Office of Visual Media, Grant Request Application, Emerson Hall 102, IUPUI.

Questions can be directed to Tom Weinzerl, director, Office of Visual Media, at 274-7478.

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Geriatrics speaker – Dec. 17

“Stroke in the Elderly” will be the topic of Askiel Bruno, MD, associate professor of neurology and director of the IU Stroke Program, at the Wednesday, Dec. 17, IU Geriatrics Conference. The presentation, which is open to the campus, is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008 A and B.

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Holiday medical book shopping online

Shopping online for books in medicine, science and technology for the holidays or any time is easy at www.medlib.iupui.edu/techserv/orderbooks.html . Determine if a book is in

stock before ordering and use the secure screen for credit card transactions.

By using the IUSM Library Online Bookstore, you receive a 7 percent discount on most medical titles and support the IUSM Library.

For more information, contact Carole Gall at 274-1411, or cfgall@iupui.edu.

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Taylor Awards for Excellence in Diversity nominations sought

Nominations and applications are being accepted for the third annual IUPUI Dr. Joseph T. Taylor Excellence in Diversity Awards. Dr. Taylor was the first dean of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

The awards will be conferred by Chancellor Charles Bantz during the 16th Annual Joseph T. Taylor Symposium on Feb. 19. Awards will be selected from nominations or applications submitted by faculty, staff or students in recognition of exemplary IUPUI academic and support programs, events, policies and activities that have led to the following:

- Increased recruitment and/or retention of African American and Hispanic faculty, students and staff
- Enhanced campus climate for diversity through social, cultural, or developmental programs or events
- Engagement of the IUPUI community in issues related to race, class or gender through innovative curriculum, research, programs or events.

The nomination/application form must be submitted no later than Tuesday, Jan. 20. Forms can be found at www.iupui.edu/joseph_t_taylor/.

Completed forms should be sent to:

Taylor Diversity Awards
c/o Lillian Charleston
IUPUI Affirmative Action Office
355 N. Lansing St., AO127
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317 274-2306, fax: 317 274-3963
affaindy@iupui.edu

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AAMC seeks entries for Secretary's Award

The Association of American Medical Colleges is soliciting papers for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Award for Innovation in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. This competition, known as the Secretary's Award, is an opportunity for medical students to describe their innovative health-promotion or disease-prevention projects.

Awards for single-discipline (medicine only) entries are \$3,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place and \$1,500 for third place. Awards for inter-professional (medicine and one or more health professions) entries are \$7,500 for first place, \$5,000 for second place and \$3,000 for third place.

Medical students must submit papers to their faculty sponsor by **Friday, Feb. 13**. The AAMC must receive all medical student single-discipline submissions by **Friday, March 12**.

For additional information contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Community and Minority Programs, secretarysaward@aamc.org, or go to www.aamc.org/about/awards.

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Scope will be back in January

Scope is taking a holiday break. As in the past, the IUSM electronic newsletter does not publish during the final weeks of December. *Scope* will be back on your computer screen Jan. 12.

In the meantime, happy holidays to all our readers from the staff of *Scope* and the Office of Public and Media Relations.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Sound Medicine, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis, airs at noon Saturdays. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/.

Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, will co-host the Dec. 20 program. Guests include Abraham Morgentaler, MD, a Harvard University urologist and author of “The Viagra Myth.” He will discuss the pros and cons of testosterone replacement therapy for men. Wayne Sotile, PhD, and Mary Sotile, MA, are counselors, consultants and authors who specialize in helping professional couples balance work and family. State epidemiologist Rober Teclaw, PhD, DVW, will discuss the revised forecast for this year’s flu season.

David Crabb, MD, will co-host the Dec. 27 program. Guests will include John Bartlett, MD, an infectious disease specialist from Johns Hopkins University. He is coauthor of the newly revised HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines. Rich Linton, PhD, director of the Purdue Center for Food Safety

Engineering, will address the recent outbreak of hepatitis A tied to green onions. Kurt Kroenke, MD, professor of medicine, and Regenstrief Institute research scientist, will discuss the results of a nationwide study in which improved treatment of depression in the elderly also improved health problems related to arthritis.

Ora Pescovitz, MD, is the co-host of the Jan. 3 program. Guests will include Aimee Surprenant, PhD, a psychologist at Purdue University and a researcher with Perception-Based Engineering Group, will discuss her research to help improve how elderly hear in cars. Scott Trappe, PhD, Ball State University, director of the Human Performance Lab, will discuss his research on what causes muscles to weaken as we age. Mike Klemsz, PhD, IUSM microbiologist and Richard Kuhn, PhD, Purdue University Department of Biology, will discuss their NIH-funded research of viruses that post bioterrorism threats and this emerging niche within medical science

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Online IUSM calendars

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at www.medicine.iu.edu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-8722
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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