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Teacher-Learner Advocacy Committee chair named

Abigail Farr Klemsz, PhD, MD, is the newly appointed chair of the IUSM Teacher-Learner Advocacy Committee.

Dr. Klemsz is an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics in the Section of Pediatric Child Development. She also serves as the state medical director for Reach Out and Read, an early literacy program.

The mission of TLAC is to foster and ensure a professional learning environment by assisting in conflict resolution and sponsoring programs to enhance communication and professionalism in all learning environments.

Anyone with a concern about unacceptable behavior or unfair treatment can contact TLAC by e-mail at TLAC@iupui.edu.

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Physician job fair to be Sept. 13

All medical residents and fellows who will complete training in 2006, 2007 or 2008 are invited to meet with representatives of 20 Indiana hospitals, physician groups and health care systems — including Clarian Health Partners — to learn about employment opportunities. The 2005 Physician Career Reception is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis.

The free event includes the opportunity to meet with representatives of these organizations, light hors d'oeuvres and beverages. For additional information, contact Liberty Wilken at (866) 394-4138, or lwilken@clarian.org. This is the first organized physician recruitment effort involving Indiana health-care organizations statewide. It was initiated by the Clarian Physician Recruitment Department.

Physician recruitment has become very competitive; it normally takes six interviews to sign up one doctor. The Clarian physician recruitment team and those from the other organizations participating in the Physician Career Reception often work with the physicians for two to three years in advance of entering the workforce.

Organizations participating in the 2005 Physician Career Reception include:

- Arnett Health System
- Bedford Regional Medical Center
- Cardinal Health System
- Community Health Network
- Clarian Health Partners
 - Clarian North
 - Clarian West
 - HealthNet
 - IU Medical Group
 - IU Specialty Care
 - LaPorte Regional Health System
 - Methodist Medical Group
 - Methodist Specialty Physicians
 - Riley Hospital for Children
- Columbus Regional Hospital
- Deaconess Health System
- Hammond Clinic LLC
- Reid Hospital and Health Care Services
- St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
- Schneck Medical Center
- Suburban Health Organization
 - Hancock Regional Hospital
 - Hendricks Regional Health
 - Henry County Memorial Hospital
 - Morgan Hospital and Medical Center
 - Riverview Hospital
 - St. Vincent Health
 - Witham Health Services
 - Westview Hospital
- Tipton Hospital
- Union Hospital Health Group

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AAMC survey: medical students satisfied with their education

Nearly 90 percent of graduating medical students are satisfied with the quality and content of their medical education, according to results from the 2004 AAMC Medical School Graduation Questionnaire.

More than 65 percent of last year's graduating class (10,893 students) responded to the survey, which measures students' satisfaction across many areas of their educational experience.

For example, more than 75 percent of respondents felt they received an appropriate amount of instruction in biomedical ethics and ethical decision-making. Three-quarters of the students surveyed felt that their school's curriculum devoted appropriate time to educating students about the health issues of the underserved, and to teaching culturally competent care for diverse populations.

The annual GQ is the largest national survey of graduating U.S. allopathic medical students. The GQ is primarily a program evaluation tool used by medical schools across the country to improve their curricula and other aspects of their medical education programs.

For information on the 2004 and prior survey results, see <http://www.aamc.org/data/gq/allschoolsreports/start.htm>

Administration of the 2005 GQ has been completed. The AAMC will release the new survey results in about a month.

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American Red Cross seeks local volunteers

The American Red Cross desperately needs people to volunteer for the National Call Center (NCC) for Hurricane Relief. To volunteer, individuals only need basic computer skills. A one-hour training session is required.

Training classes will be offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, Monday, Sept. 12, and Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Contact Kathi Wooten at kwooten@redcross-indy.org to volunteer.

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Staff changes in the Office of the Dean

You will see familiar faces in different places as a few changes have been made in the Office of the Dean in Fesler Hall 302 because of the retirements of Duane Gaither, executive associate dean for administration and finance and Linda Vinson, assistant to the executive associate dean.

The deans and their corresponding administrative support specialists are:

Dean and Walter J. Daly Professor
Craig Brater, MD
Contact Kelli Diener 274-8416

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development
Stephen Bogdewic, PhD
Contact Kelli Diener 278-5461

Executive Associate Dean for Strategic Planning, Analysis and Operations
Robert Jones, MD, PhD
Contact Kathleen Boles 278-0057

Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs
Stephen Leapman, MD
Contact Kathleen Boles 278-6513

Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs
Ora Pescovitz, MD
Contact Truellina Carman 274-8378

Linda Beeson, Assistant for Communications 278-2556

Jan Walther, Senior Administrative Secretary 278-3048

The administrative support specialists will evaluate priorities, coordinate schedules, arrange meetings, assess and respond to needs, prepare and maintain confidential documents and make travel arrangements.

As the assistant for communications, Linda will be responsible for creating comprehensive, effective written communications on behalf of the dean and executive associate deans to embrace and build upon the school's mission, goals and objectives.

As the senior administrative secretary, Jan will be responsible for answering and directing incoming calls, greeting visitors to the office, supporting the awards committee, managing dean's office events and special projects.

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NIH Loan Repayment Programs accepting applications

The National Institutes of Health is now accepting applications for its five Loan Repayment Programs.

The five LRPs offered by the NIH include the Clinical Research LRP, Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Contraception and Infertility Research LRP, Health Disparities LRP, and Pediatric Research LRP.

Through these programs, the NIH offers to repay up to \$35,000 annually of the qualified educational debt of health professionals pursuing careers in biomedical and behavioral research. The programs also provide coverage for Federal and state tax liabilities.

To qualify, applicants must have a doctoral-level degree, devote a minimum of 50 percent of their time (20 hours per week based on a 40-hour work week) to research funded by a domestic non-profit organization or government entity and have educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or U.S. nationals to be eligible.

All applications for 2006 awards must be submitted online by 8 p.m. EST, **Thursday, Dec. 1**.

For an online application, program information, or other assistance, visit the LRP Web site at www.lrp.nih.gov, telephone the helpline at 866-849-4047, or send email inquiries to lrp@nih.gov.

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Phi Beta Psi cancer research grants available

Investigators doing basic and clinical studies in breast, endometrial, lung, brain, pancreatic, ovarian, prostate or colorectal cancer are eligible to apply for a Phi Beta Psi grant. Six grants will be awarded in the amounts of \$45,000 to \$60,000 for one year.

Only two proposals from IUCC can be submitted for consideration. Investigators interested in being considered should email Elizabeth Parsons, grants coordinator, a brief one- to two-page synopsis/overview/abstract of their proposal by 5 p.m. **Monday, Sept. 12**. Pre-proposals may be submitted to Parsons at 278-0078, or eparsons@iupui.edu,

A review committee will evaluate the proposals on Sept. 14 and two will be selected to submit to Phi Beta Psi. The final submission is due to Phi Beta Psi by Oct. 15.

Phi Beta Psi is a national, civic, non-profit organization whose national project is cancer research.

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State offers matching grants for SBIR/STTR awards

Indiana recipients of Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer grants are eligible for matching grants from the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund through a new program from the Indiana Economic Development Corp.

The program will provide matching money for Indiana Phase I grants up to \$100,000. It is intended to both increase the number and competitiveness of Indiana SBIR/STTR proposals, and to increase the success of Indiana companies in moving from Phase I (proof-of-principle research and development) to Phase II (early stage product development).

Details about the program and the application requirements are available at the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund web site, [http://www.21fund.org/uploads/SBIRMatchGuidelines\[1\].pdf](http://www.21fund.org/uploads/SBIRMatchGuidelines[1].pdf).

For more information, contact Karl Koehler at kkoehler@21fund.org, Kelly Streepy at kstreepy@21fund.org, or Carla Phelps at cphelps@21fund.org, or phone 317-233-4332.

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Wanna be the Hemingway of grant writers?

The popular annual IUSM grant writing symposium is now open for registration.

“Write Winning Grants” will be Monday, Oct. 17, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. The course teaches skills in the art of writing a grant that can make the difference between submitting a funded and a non-funded proposal. Even funded investigators can benefit from the symposium.

Seating is limited. Register on line, or obtain a registration brochure at cme.medicine.iu.edu/registration/default.asp?course=05-235.

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Biomedical Entrepreneur Network meeting Sept. 13

“Do I have a product or company?” will be the topic of the next meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Speakers will be Chad Barden, president and CEO of QuadraSpec Inc., and Teri Willey, managing partner of Arch Development Partners.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center on the IUPUI campus.

The program is free, but space is limited so register early at www.indianabionetwork.org. The registration deadline is **Friday, Sept. 9**.

The Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network promotes information sharing and networking for biomedical entrepreneurs.

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Eugenics topic of Sept. 21 seminar

The Seminars in Medical Humanities and Bioethics will host Alexandra Stern, PhD, the associate director of the Center for the History of Medicine at the University of Michigan, from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26.

Dr. Stern, who also is an assistant professor of OB/GYN, will speak on “The Lingering Legacy of Eugenic Sterilizations in the United States.”

The monthly seminar series is presented by the Medical Humanities Program at IUPUI in conjunction with the IU Center for Bioethics.

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Lungs for Life run/walk – Sept. 24

The second annual Lungs for Life 5k race and one-mile fun walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Registration will take place at the Indiana Cancer Pavilion. The cost is \$18 and includes a T-shirt if registered before Sept. 19. After that date, the cost is \$20.

All proceeds go to the IU Cancer Center's Thoracic Oncology Program to support the Lung Cancer Biomarker Discovery Program. With this program, the Thoracic Oncology Program is poised to take a leadership role in unlocking the clues to earlier detection and better treatments.

For more information or to register, visit www.lungsforlife5k.org, or email info@lungsforlife5k.org.

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Olympic gold medalist Peggy Fleming to speak at Walther's celebration

Peggy Fleming, figure skating champion and Olympic gold medalist, will speak at Walther Cancer Institute's 20th anniversary celebration Thursday, Nov. 3.

The dinner and awards ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. at Union Station's Grand Hall. Fleming's speaking engagement will help Walther Cancer Institute celebrate 20 years of vision, action and discovery in collaborative cancer research.

Fleming's graceful skating has brought her international acclaim. During her career, she won five U.S. National Championship titles, three World Championship titles and a 1968 Olympic gold medal. Her Olympic medal was the only gold medal received by the United States at the 1968 Winter Games in Grenoble, France.

Fleming was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 1998 – the 30th anniversary of winning her Olympic gold medal. She decided to share her cancer experience and story of hope with the public to spread hope and cancer awareness to survivors around the country.

Tickets for the event are \$60. Sponsorships are available from \$600 to \$5,000. Contact Sharyl Hamblen at sharyl@walther.org, or 921-2045 ext. 149, for more information. All event proceeds will be used directly for cancer research.

Fleming's appearance for Walther Cancer Institute is sponsored by the Indiana University Cancer Center, City Securities Corporation, Purdue University Cancer Center and the University of Notre Dame's Walther Cancer Research Center.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics, will revisit a topic that is making headlines again—stem cell research. Dr. Meslin will be joining *Sound Medicine* the first week of every month to discuss emerging medical ethics issues.

Special correspondent Marje Albohm has some helpful and healthful suggestions on how Hoosiers can get fit without getting hurt. Albohm is a certified athletic trainer in Indianapolis and a member of the board of directors of the National Athletic Trainers Association. She is a frequent contributor to *Sound Medicine*.

Co-host Kathy Miller, MD, will change roles this week and sit on the other side of the microphone for an interview on

the benefits of support groups for women dealing with breast cancer. Dr. Miller is an oncologist specializing in breast cancer.

Correspondent Meghan Freeman pays a visit to Sniffles n' Such, a daycare specially operated for mildly ill children. The facility is connected with The Day Nursery and Clarian Health Partners Early Care and Education Center.

Tune in Sunday, Sept. 11, to hear about an innovative treatment at IU Cancer Center for lung cancer patients, deep brain stimulation treatment for advanced Parkinson's disease and the state's efforts to prevent West Nile Virus.

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

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Scientific Calendar online

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.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

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

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

- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

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- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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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