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IUSM hosts Diversity Week

Health-care professionals from across the country will focus on health-care disparities, a growing problem in the minority community, during IUSM Diversity Week activities, Jan. 15-20.

Speakers will discuss current issues as well as propose solutions to be integrated in health-care training and delivery. Presentations will begin each day at noon in the Emerson Hall auditorium. Lunch will be provided.

Schedule of speakers:

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| Tuesday, Jan. 17 | "Health Care Disparities for Women"
Haywood Brown, MD, chair, Duke University Department of OB/GYN |
| Wednesday, Jan. 18 | "Medical Injustice"
America Baracho, MD, Los Angeles Latino community leader |
| Thursday, Jan. 19 | "Access to Health Care"
Sandra Gadson, MD, president, National Medical Association |
| Friday, Jan. 20 | "Access to Health Care-A Patient's Perspective"
Kem Moore, HIV/AIDS activist |

The week begins with the IUPUI 36th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner Sunday, Jan. 15, in the ballroom at the Indianapolis Marriott Hotel-Downtown. The keynote speaker will be Mae C. Jemison, MD, the first African-American female astronaut. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Jose Espada at 274-1967, or by email at jespada@iupui.edu. Additional information on the dinner is available at life.iupui.edu/culture/mlk_dinner.asp.

Diversity Week was launched at the IU School of Medicine four years ago. It is traditionally held during the week of

Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, in honor of his legacy.

Join IUPUI in commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The day of service will begin at the Hope Education Center at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16. The day will include breakfast followed by volunteering at community sites around Indianapolis. For more information, go to <http://mlkday.uc.iupui.edu>.

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Joint IU-Purdue classes in biomedical entrepreneurship begin in January

Starting in January, Indiana University and Purdue University jointly will offer a two-course educational program that provides formal training in innovation and entrepreneurship in the biomedical technology and the medical device industries.

The goal is to develop leaders in biomedical technology innovation and management by enhancing students' abilities to identify new opportunities for innovation, assess clinical and market potential, and take the critical first steps in invention, patenting, early prototyping, development of new concepts, and movement toward commercialization.

The elective sequence of two courses will meet on Thursdays for the entire spring semester. The first is a one-credit course titled "MGMT 590E: Biomedical Entrepreneurs Thought Leaders Workshop," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. offering a series of lectures and discussions led by venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, attorneys and leaders in the U.S. medical device industry. The second component, "MGMT 590F: Biomedical Entrepreneurship and Innovation Practicum," from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., will be a highly interactive three-credit course teaching the "nuts and bolts" of moving from needs identification to business planning. The classes will be held in the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship at Purdue.

The program targets graduate students in biomedical engineering, MBA students, and medical fellows. Interested persons should contact Tim Folta (foltat@purdue.edu) immediately.

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IUSM scientists setting record pace in invention disclosures

IUSM scientists have reported 118 invention disclosures to the IU Research and Technology Corp. so far this fiscal year, a record for the school.

In addition, six licensing agreements have been reached for faculty discoveries, five patent applications have been filed, and four patents have been issued, said Jack Pincus, vice president of technology transfer at IURTC.

The patents issued so far this year are:

- Norway – Use of Carbonic Anhydrase for Treating Macular Edema – Alon Harris, PhD, Letzter Professor of Ophthalmology and director of the Glaucoma Research and Diagnostic Center, inventor
- Iceland – Use of Carbonic Anydrase for Treating Macular Edema – Dr. Harris, inventor
- Canada – A Method to Increase Retinal and Optic Nerve Head Blood Flow Velocity in Order to Preserve Sight – Dr. Harris, inventor
- Republic of Korea – Methods for Enhanced Virus-Mediated DNA Transfer Using Molecules with Virus- and Cell-Binding Domains – David A. Williams, MD, formerly of the Wells Center for Pediatric Research, inventor.

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Power outage Jan. 2 to affect computing services

To facilitate the completion of several large projects involving electrical upgrades, UITS will power down the Wrubel (

Bloomington) Data Center on Monday, Jan. 2. All university computing services delivered from Bloomington to all campuses will not be available from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 2. This includes email, financial information systems, student systems, Oncourse, IUIE, human resources system and most IU web pages.

The university network will not be affected and Identity Management systems will be available so those with IU logins can access systems not housed in the Bloomington center. This means that local departmental systems and systems housed in the IUPUI Data Center will still be accessible.

The work is necessary to expand the electrical capacity of the data center and to replace obsolete electrical equipment. The date was chosen in consultation with University Facilities and the University Architects and work is expected to be completed by 5 p.m. on Jan. 2.

Questions before or during the upgrade will be answered by contacting the ISTM help desk at 274-5336, or the UITS Support Center at IUPUI at 274-4357.

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Traffic changes for Riley construction

Construction on Phase 5 of Riley Hospital will require changes in traffic patterns on the north side of the hospital. Beginning Jan. 2, Wishard Boulevard between West Drive and Wilson Street will be closed to traffic until the project is completed. The target date for completion is December 2009.

Other traffic changes related to construction:

- On **Dec. 26**, signage will be posted on 10 th Street and around the construction site directing traffic to the Riley Outpatient Center.
- On **Dec. 30**, parking lots 7 and 8 will close.
- On **Jan. 2**, fencing will be erected around the construction site.
- On **Jan. 31**, Barnhill Drive is expected to reopen between Wishard Boulevard and Walnut Street.

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Clarian encouraging Medicaid Congressional letter campaign

During the most recent Medicaid Congressional email and fax campaign in September, Clarian generated 2,758 letters to members of Congress. Another campaign before Congress goes on recess prior to the New Year, is underway and Clarian leadership is hoping it will generate even more letters and faxes to send a clear, strong message to Congress on behalf of Clarian patients.

Clarian encourages you to once again send a message to members of Congress to express your concerns. Send a letter using an easy prompted email to members of Congress and Senator Lugar's office and one fax to Senator Bayh's office today. All you need is access to a computer, the Internet and your home address.

To send a message to your Representative and Sen. Richard Lugar:

- Open this link: <http://capwiz.com/clarian/state/main/?state=IN>
- Click on the "Take Action Button" under the Action Alert
- The letter submission area will come up. Under the "Subject" it will say "Protect our Seniors and our Children - NO Medicaid Cutbacks"
- Under "Issue Area" choose "Medicare/Medicaid"
- Feel free to add the attached text to the letter area or customize your own letter
- Add your name under "Sincerely" at the bottom on the left
- Enter your sender information
- Click on "Send Message"

To send a message to Sen. Evan Bayh, who does not have a published email address:

- Print, sign and send a fax to Sen. Bayh's office at 202-228-1377. A sample letter can be found at <http://medicine.indiana.edu/scope/2005/bayhLetter.doc>.

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IU CFAR grants program

The IU Center for AIDS Research is supporting a new grants program designed to foster and enhance AIDS research and to increase the extramural support for AIDS research on the IUPUI campus. Three types of applications will be considered:

Young investigator awards – applicants (MD or PhD) must be within the first 5 years of their faculty appointment and have no NIH grant support (except K awards).

New AIDS investigators – applicants (MD or PhD) can have active or previous NIH grant support in other fields, but no NIH support for AIDS research.

Emerging opportunities – open to any investigator (MD or PhD), funds to be used to pursue a research opportunity that will only be available for a limited time, but can lead to additional future extramural funding.

Applications will be considered in the broad area of AIDS research including but not limited to HIV biology, epidemiology or pathogenesis; pathogenesis of opportunistic infections or neoplasms; treatment of HIV or opportunistic infections; complications of HIV treatment and prevention of HIV infections. Applications may be laboratory-based, clinical, translational or behavioral.

Applicants may request funding up to \$20,000 per year for one or two years. Awards will be made for one year with funding for a second year (if requested) contingent on progress during the first year and preparation of an application for external funding. Emerging opportunity awards will be limited to 1 year.

Applications should be submitted electronically on PHS 398 forms at grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html using the instructions for an R03 application grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm, i.e., limited to 10 pages for the narrative portion. When appropriate, applicants are encouraged to submit the same or a similar application to NIH as an R03 with the understanding that if the proposal is funded by NIH, the remaining IU-CFAR funds would be returned.

Applications for young investigator awards and new AIDS investigator awards are due **Friday, Feb. 17**, with an anticipated start date of May 1. Emerging opportunity award applications may be submitted at any time (with the approval of the CFAR director) for a start date 8 -12 weeks after submission.

For additional questions, to obtain a list of current CFAR investigators, or to submit applications, contact Kenneth Fife, MD, PhD, in Emerson Hall room435, 274-8114, or kfife@iupui.edu.

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Showalter Trust applications due Jan. 6

Applications for Showalter Research Trust funding – beginning July 1 – must be received in the IUSM Dean's Office, Clinical Building, room 365, by **Friday, Jan. 6**. Applications will be reviewed by the IUSM Biomedical Research Committee. For more information, see adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/irf.htm.

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IUSM Medical Library holiday hours

The IUSM Medical Library will observe special hours during the holiday season. The schedule is:

Dec. 24 – closed for regular Saturday schedule
Dec. 25 – closed for the holiday
Dec. 26 – closed for the holiday
Dec. 27-30 – open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec. 31 – closed for regular Saturday schedule
Jan. 1 – closed for the holiday
Jan. 2 – closed for the holiday
Jan. 3-6 – open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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IUPUI Health Services holiday schedule

The IUPUI Health Services is in suite 100, Coleman Hall. The health center's holiday schedule:

Dec. 16 – Closed at 1 p.m.
Dec. 26 – Closed all day (campus holiday)
Dec. 27, 28 and 30 – Open 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dec. 29 – Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 2 – Closed all day (campus holiday)

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Flu vaccine update

A nationwide distribution problem with the influenza vaccine resulted in the IUPUI Health Services receiving half of the 3,500 flu shots it ordered for this season. As a result, the campus health service initially prioritized vaccinating individuals involved in direct patient contact.

At this time, IUPUI Health Services is making available its remaining supply of flu shots to all faculty, staff and employees of the campus. Faculty and staff may receive a flu shot free by coming to the health center in Coleman Hall, suite 100, and presenting a valid IUPUI picture identification. Students may receive a flu shot for \$20 by presenting a valid IUPUI picture ID.

The supply of flu shots is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Intellectual property report available

The Intellectual Property Task Force, chaired by Brian Foresman, DO, recently analyzed the IU and IUSM approaches to intellectual property and compared them with those of other universities. The group assessed the IP processes affecting the School and made recommendations for improvement.

The executive summary, full report and appendices are available for download in MS Word.

- [Executive summary](#)
- [Full report](#)
- [Appendices](#)

For more information about the project, contact Brian Foresman at bforesma@iupui.edu.

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Safe families focus of Riley Hospital's Safety Store

Riley Hospital's Safety Store has products necessary to help keep families safe this holiday season and throughout the year.

Visit the Safety Store, located in the Riley Outpatient Center through the Over the Rainbow Gift Shop, to purchase low-cost safety products such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, cabinet locks, winter sport helmets, fire extinguishers and baby safety gates. Trained Safety Store educators are ready to answer questions about products or general child safety.

Give the gift of a safe home with Safety Store gift certificates, now available for purchase. Gift certificates make great stocking stuffers!

The Safety Store is open to all Riley families, guests, Indiana families, and IUPUI and Clarian employees. The Safety Store accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, JAGTAG and Clarian payroll deduction.

Operated by Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department in partnership with the Cheer Guild, the Safety Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed holidays.

For more information, call 317-274-6565 or visit www.rileyhospital.org/kids1st.

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IUPUI weather updates

For updates on IUPUI policies and cancellations during adverse weather, see registrar.iupui.edu/adverseweather.html. The site includes links to the School of Medicine for information specific to medical students.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, 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. Co-hosts of this week's program are Kathy Miller, MD, David Crabb, MD, and Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include Robert Stoelting MD, who will explore the changes in the field of anesthesia, which have taken insurance premiums from one of the highest to one of the lowest for medical specialties. Dr. Stoelting is the president of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation. He is the retired chair of the IUSM Department of Anesthesiology.

Fred and Vicki Modell will discuss self-funded research and their organization, the Jeffrey Modell Foundation, which was created to raise money for research and clinical trials for treatment of primary immunodeficiency diseases. Last year, the Modells were honored by the International Union of Immunological Societies for their contribution to research.

Stephen Schneider, PhD, professor of biological science and co-director of the Center for Environmental Science and Policy at Stanford University, will outline his fight against a deadly form of cancer and the steps he took to take control of his treatment. Dr. Schneider is the author of "The Patient from Hell: How I worked with My Doctors to Get the Best of Modern Medicine and How You Can, Too."

Sound Medicine's wordsmith Jeremy Shere shares his definition of "Achilles tendon."

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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Scope submission guidelines

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:

- acronyms
- 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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