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» Harper Hall groundbreaking to be Nov. 21

The ceremonial groundbreaking for Harper Hall, the new home of expanded medical and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend and the University of Notre Dame, will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at a site adjacent to Raclin-Carmichael Hall on the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

Speakers will include the benefactor Charles M. "Mike" Harper; Indiana House of Representatives Speaker B. Patrick Bauer; the Rev. John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame; IU President Michael A. McRobbie; IUSM Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs Stephen Leapman, MD, and Rudolph Navari, PhD, assistant dean and director IUSM-South Bend and director of the Walther Cancer Center at the University of Notre Dame.

Harper, the retired chair and chief executive officer of ConAgra Foods and RJR Nabisco, made a \$10 million gift to Notre Dame to support the construction of Harper Hall. The gift was matched with \$10 million appropriated by the state of Indiana to Indiana University for the project. Harper's gift is in memory of his late wife, Josie, who died of cancer.

The new facility will be of similar design as Raclin-Carmichael Hall, which houses IUSM-SB and Notre Dame's Keck Center for Transgene Research, and will connect on three levels with Raclin-Carmichael. It will include laboratories and offices for IUSM-SB and Notre Dame cancer research activities under the auspices of a new Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute.

Scientists from Notre Dame and Indiana University will collaborate on research in cancer biology with an emphasis on genomics

and proteomics, and breast, prostate and colon cancers.

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› **Rausch to direct diversity affairs at IUSM**

George Rausch, EdD, has been named associate dean for diversity affairs at IUSM. Dr. Rausch also has accepted a joint appointment as an associate professor of clinical family medicine. He will begin his new duties in the spring.

Most recently, Dr. Rausch was associate dean of multicultural affairs at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He founded that office in 1996 and has implemented numerous programs to increase diversity in the health professions. He also served as director of the Multicultural Initiative for New Doctors (MIND) program and was an assistant professor in the school's Department of Community and Family Medicine where he was active in curriculum development.

Dr. Rausch is a founding member of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators.

He received his doctoral degree at the University of Northern Colorado. He holds a master's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and a bachelor's degree from Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

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› **Nakshatri named Morrison Professor of Breast Cancer Research**

Harikrishna Nakshatri, BVSc, PhD, has been named the first Marian J. Morrison Professor of Breast Cancer Research. He will retain his current titles of professor of surgery and of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Dr. Nakshatri, who is a member of the IU Simon Cancer Center and Walther Oncology Center, joined the IUSM faculty in 1996.

He holds a degree in veterinary medicine from the Mysore Veterinary College in Bangalore, India; a doctoral degree from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, and completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France and the Picower Institute for Medical Research at Manhasset, NY.

The named professorship was established in 2004 by Marian J. Morrison, a patient at the IU Simon Cancer Center, in appreciation of the care she received from Drs. Robert Goulet and Kathy Miller.

Morrison, a native of Crawfordsville, had a secretarial career with the U.S. State Department Foreign Service. After leaving the foreign service, she continued a career in banking and at Lilly Endowment Inc.

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› **IUSCC receives Keep Indianapolis Beautiful award**

The new patient care building of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center took home the coveted Monumental Award, presented by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc., as the most significant project of the year in Marion County during an awards ceremony Nov. 13.

"The Indiana University Mel and Bren Simon Cancer Center is a remarkable place, built and designed sensitively to be a supportive environment for cancer patients and families who will come from around the world," said David Forsell, president of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

The Monumental Award is the highest award of distinction and is chosen from the honor award winners in each category of the Monumental Affair event. The awards were selected by an impartial jury of community and professional leaders.

Three companies also earned honor awards for their role in the new IU Simon Cancer Center building: Turner Construction Co. of Indiana, LLC, construction; Maregatti Interiors, interior design; and 2nd Globe Studios, public art.

The 31st annual Monumental Affair Awards ceremony recognized 37 projects that represent the most significant visual and physical enhancements in Marion County.

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› Applicants sought for NIH Pioneer and New Innovator awards

The National Institutes of Health are seeking applicants for the 2009 NIH Director's Pioneer Awards and New Innovator Awards. Both programs support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative, potentially high-impact approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research.

Pioneer Awards provide up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over five years and are open to scientists at any career stage. New Innovator Awards provide up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over five years and are for early career investigators who have not received an NIH regular research (R01) or similar NIH grant. The agency expects to fund up to 10 Pioneer Awards and up to 24 New Innovator Awards in September 2009.

The Pioneer Award competition begins with a proposal submission period from Nov. 17 to Dec. 17, 2008. The New Innovator Award competition begins with a proposal submission period from Dec. 15, 2008 to Jan. 15, 2009.

See nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer and nihroadmap.nih.gov/newinnovator for more information.

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› Research fellowships in behavioral oncology available

A National Cancer Institute supported training program is seeking applicants for special research fellowships in behavioral oncology. This highly interdisciplinary program encourages applications from a broad range of health care specialties. Funding is available for junior faculty scientists, post-doctoral fellows, and pre-doctoral graduate students.

Coursework in cancer basics, behavioral oncology theory and survey, and intervention design are offered by outstanding faculty scientists on the IUPUI campus. Also, numerous electives are available. Concentrated research time under the interdisciplinary mentorship of two senior scientists is provided.

Positions are currently available and provide up to 2 years of funding for junior faculty scientists or post-doctoral fellows and up to 3 years of funding for pre-doctoral graduate students. Applications received before Jan. 15, will be given priority. In addition to salary support or a stipend, benefits include health insurance, tuition and fees, and pilot research funding. If you are interested or know of qualified candidates, contact Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@iupui.edu, or 630-7447. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

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› Handmade treasures for sale at arts and crafts fair

The IUPUI Staff Council will host its first fine arts and crafts fair on Saturday, Nov. 22, in the IUPUI Campus Center. Visitors can choose holiday gifts and one-of-a-kind handmade items offered by more than 40 crafters and artisans from around the state. Each vendor has been hand-selected from a team of jurors from the Staff Council committee to ensure quality items are featured.

Items for sale include clothing, glass art, jewelry, purses, original artwork, floral arrangements, woodcrafts, pottery, stained glass, candles, and seasonal decorations for the home and yard. There will be free demonstrations by various crafters throughout the day.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the fair is free of charge and open to the public. Parking is available in the Vermont Street garage adjacent to the Campus Center and discount parking vouchers will be given at the door.

For more information, contact Melanie Curfman at 274-2188 or mjcurfma@iupui.edu or visit the Staff Council website at www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/craftsfair.

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› Muncie IMSIG blood draw

The newly formed Indiana University School of Medicine-Muncie's Internal Medicine Student Interest Group group will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The group hopes to not only give back to the community, but also increase the community's dwindling supply of blood types within the area blood bank.

First- and second-year IUSM-Muncie students and faculty will be participating. The blood drive will be in the EF Ball Medical Education Building, library/conference room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

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› **Potential conflicts with industry – next Fairbanks lecture**

“Professionalism Conflicts Created by Physician-Industry Interactions: The Case for Banning Industry from Educational Venues,” one of the Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series, will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. Carey Chisholm, MD, will be the presenter for the lecture in the Methodist Hospital Petticrew Auditorium.

Dr. Chisholm has been the director of the IU-Methodist Emergency Medicine Residency Program since 1989, making him the longest serving emergency medicine program director in the nation. His research and special interests include wound care, acute pain management, medical education and the practice components of emergency medicine that contribute to medical error.

The Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics sponsors the Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series as an educational outreach to physicians and staff of Clarian Health Partners hospitals and interested others in the central Indiana community.

Lectures are free, open to all, and do not require pre-registration. Continuing education credit is offered to physicians, nurses, social workers, and chaplains at no charge, regardless of their institutional affiliation.

Lunch will not be provided but brown bag lunches are encouraged. Contact: Amy Chamness at achamnes@clarian.org or 962-1721

For additional information about the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, see www.fairbankscenter.org.

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› **IUPUI Pre-Med Club**

IUPUI Pre-Med Club, AMSA, and Biology Club have teamed together to present “Medical School and Beyond.” An expert panel will discuss the opportunities in international medicine from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Campus Center, room 268. Food and refreshments will be provided.

See pre-med.usg.iupui.edu for more information.

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› **Documenting Your Teaching symposium**

The IUSM Dean’s Office for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning and Office of Faculty Appointments and Advancement is hosting a half-day symposium on documenting your teaching. The symposium will take place on Thursday Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 409.

Whether you are seeking promotion or tenure, interested in a teaching award, or just entering the job market, this symposium is designed to help identify the type of evidence to collect, provide the opportunity to review examples of teaching dossiers, and provide you with resources to help with your preparation of evidence. More detailed information and registration for this event is available at ctl.iupui.edu/Events/eventsCalendar.asp or by calling Megan Palmer, PhD, 274-5231.

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› **Women’s Health Noon Lecture – Nov. 25**

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health continues its 2008-09 Women’s Health Noon Lectures Series in the auditorium of the Indiana University Cancer Research Institute at noon, Nov. 25. “Osteoclasts and Bone Loss” will be presented by Angela Bruzzaniti, PhD, assistant professor at the IU School of Dentistry.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A first-come-first-served lunch is provided, and continuing education credit is available.

To see the full list of this year’s lectures, see www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt and click on “2008-09 Noon Lecture Series.”

Questions? Contact Tina Darling, associate director, at 278-2264 or tdarling@iupui.edu.

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› **Biorepository symposium for researchers set for Dec. 4**

Researchers interested in learning more about the operations and use of a biorepository are invited to attend a symposium covering scientific, technical and ethical considerations of such facilities on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cancer Research Institute, room 101.

The symposium will cover such topics as the benefits of biorepositories for research, best storage practices, extracting and processing high quality RNA and DNA, and tissue procurement challenges and solutions.

For a detailed schedule, see <https://www.indianactsi.org/news/page/biorepositorysymposium>.

Reservations are not necessary and the program is free. The symposium is sponsored by the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Questions should be directed to Shirley Ernest at sernest@iupui.edu.

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› **Clarian Organ Transplant dedication**

Faculty and staff are invited to celebrate "The Future of Transplant" at the dedication of the Clarian Organ Transplant Unit expansion at Indiana University Hospital, Thursday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. An open house will follow the program until 6 p.m. The unit is located on the fourth floor of IU Hospital.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact Michele Spencer at 274-2881 or mspence4@clarian.org

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› **Autism spectrum disorders conference**

"A Time For Transition: Autism Spectrum Disorders in Adolescence and Adulthood," presented by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center, will be Friday, Dec. 5, at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian, Carmel.

A brochure and location and registration information is located at psychiatry.medicine.iu.edu. Breakfast, lunch, breaks, and conference materials are included in registration fee.

According to recent statistics, as many as one in every 150 children are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) (CDC, 2007). Diagnosis of autism continues to grow at an alarming rate and at a faster pace than any other disability or disease.

This is the sixth annual conference hosted by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center focusing on functional and transition issues pertinent to adolescents and adults across the autism spectrum. CME, CE, and CRU accreditation is available. All are welcome to attend; faculty, staff, students, and the community.

Contact Kellie Hindman at kmhindma@iupui.edu with questions or for more information.

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› **Seminar on hiring foreign nationals**

The IUPUI Human Resourcesm Administration is conducting an information session on hiring foreign nationals and I-9 forms from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Dec. 11, in the HRA conference room in the Union Building, room 340.

Anyone responsible for processing HIRE eDocs and I-9's should attend. The revised rules and regulations of the Department of Homeland Security not only penalize employers who hire illegal or undocumented aliens but also penalizes improper completion of the I-9 form. The DHS, Immigration Enforcement Agency and Department of Labor conduct audits of employers on the proper completion of I-9 forms.

Register online at www.hra.iupui.edu/signup.asp.

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› **Wellness tips sought from faculty**

Through the combined efforts of the Office for Counseling Services and Wellness and the Office of Mentoring and Student Development, IUSM has officially launched its Health & Wellness Program during the 2008-09 first year student orientation. We are now in the process of creating the official IUSM Wellness website. A grant from Education, Research and Development has provided funding for these two projects.

The program developers want to tap the collective wisdom of faculty regarding the six dimensions of wellness and your self-care tips.

The six dimensions are: mental, physical, social, emotional, spiritual and professional.

Please take a couple of moments to answer any of the following:

- 1. Quick healthful recipes.
 2. Your best stress management tips.
 3. Your best renewal tips for any of the six dimensions of wellness (mental, physical, social, emotional, spiritual, professional).
 4. Any useful websites, poetry, books, music, organizations, etc., that you want to share with IUSM students and residents to enhance wellness.

Be sure to indicate if you want your suggestion(s) to be anonymous.

Send suggestions to Susan Kunkle at sukunkle@iupui.edu.

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› **AAMC launches AspiringDocs.org video contest**

The AAMC has launched an online video contest to give college students a chance to turn their dreams of a career in medicine into assistance with the costs of preparing for and applying to medical school.

The AspiringDocs.org video contest asks college students to submit a short video explaining why they want to become a doctor—an "Aspiring Doc." Ten winners will each receive \$1,000 toward their MCAT and medical school application fees.

The video contest is a new feature of the AAMC's AspiringDocs.org campaign, a Web site and outreach effort to increase diversity in medicine. Entries are due **Monday, Dec. 1**.

For more information, see www.aamc.org/newsroom/pressrel/2008/081110.htm.

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› **Area agencies on aging seek volunteers**

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging and its 16 regional members are seeking volunteers to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries become better health-care consumers.

Under a program called the SMP Project in Indiana which is funded by a grant from the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, SMPs recruit and teach senior volunteers and professionals such as doctors, nurses, accountants, investigators, law enforcement personnel, attorneys, teachers, and others interested parties how to prevent fraud and abuse. In Indiana, the IAAAA and its affiliates, local Area Agencies on Aging, are the primary SMPs.

SMP volunteers work in their communities and in local senior centers to help identify deceptive health care practices. They help in the distribution of materials such as the Medicare Summary Notice Guide and the Personal Health Care Journals and show consumers how to use them. SMP Volunteers can perform a variety of tasks which may include any or all of the following: training other volunteers, clerical functions, one-on-one counseling, respond to inquiries, community event management, conduct group

educational sessions, fraud/abuse investigation and referral, research/respond to complex inquiries, and outreach development and marketing.

For additional information or to volunteer, contact 1-800-986-3505, the local AAA office or email Rebecca Baker at rbaker@iaaaa.org.

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› **SMA patient registry updated**

The International Spinal Muscular Atrophy Patient Registry website --- <https://smaregistry.iu.edu> – has been updated to all allows individuals to participate in the registry completely through online interaction including registering, completing questionnaires, learning about and signing up for new research study opportunities and completing annual information updates.

The registry was founded in 1986 at Indiana University. It connects patients and families interested in participating in research and researchers interested in studying SMA. The registry contains information from over 1,600 families and over 1,700 individuals with SMA from all over the world.

The project is supported by the Patient Advisory Group of the International Coordinating Committee for SMA Clinical Trials which includes Families of SMA, Fight SMA, Muscular Dystrophy Association, SMA Foundation, and other SMA advocacy groups.

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› **Retirement open house for IMCU manager**

A retirement open house for Gail Estes, assistant vice president and campus branch manager of the Indiana Members Credit Union, will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. She has 33 years of service. The branch is located in the room 205 of the IUPUI Campus Center.

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› **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

Recently, Indiana received a grade of "F" on the March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card while the nation as a whole received a "D." Phillip Eskew, MD, an Indianapolis physician and former president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, will explain how premature births can be prevented and why the problem is so costly to society.

Martha Stoddard Holmes, PhD, assistant professor of literature and graduate program advisor for the Department of Literature and Writing Studies at California State University, will join *Sound Medicine* to discuss the use of graphic novels and storytelling as part of the process of treating and understanding cancer.

The importance of early screening of for prostate cancer will be discussed by Jonathan Myles, MD, an anatomic and clinical pathologist at the Cleveland Clinic, and David Rice, RN, a cancer survivor.

Author James Ball will speak about the growing body of research that suggests that early intervention is key to the successful treatment and management of autism in children.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Check Up," Jeremy Shere will look at the stress tests that astronauts must pass before heading into space.

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

Sound Medicine is underwritten by the Lilly Center for Medical Science, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group. Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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» **Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips**

The Continuing Medical Education office launched a new and improved website at cme.medicine.iu.edu. In addition to online registration and listings of grand rounds, conferences and courses, the site provides in-depth tools and information for presenters and program developers. Included are forms, tips, links, contacts, maps, and a host of other handy resources to make it easier to participate in CME events, prepare a presentation or plan an event.

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» **Scientific Calendar online**

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at the new [Scientific Calendar](#) website. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Kelli Diener at kas1@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 on Fridays (except on holiday weekends when it is published on the following Monday).

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. Word document attachments in lieu of fliers are encouraged.

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)

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