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Alternative Spring Break – Honduras 2010

Participants in the Alternative Spring Break – Honduras program (ASB), sponsored by the IUSM Office of Medical Service-Learning, will make their second annual medical service trip to Trujillo, Honduras, March 6-13.

Rowan Hurrell (MSII), Jonathan Lin (MSII), and Adam McHenry (MSII), the student project leaders, have invested many months in planning, coordinating and expanding this project from the excellent standard of care set by last year's trip involving 16 volunteers.

The 2010 ASB team is comprised of 23 volunteers:

Professionals include Javier Sevilla, MD; Scott Renshaw, MD; Gaylon Kelton, MD; Tom Greist, MD; Michael Graham MD; Daniela Lobo, MD, and Jennifer Custer

Medical students include Emily Cochard (MSII), Neha Patel (MSI), Deren Bagsby (MSI), Jeannette McIntyre (MSI), Amy Hale (MSI), Emmery Butler (MSII), Perna Raj (MSI), Micah Hatch (MSII), Ben Rejowski (MSI), Tiffany Gearhart (MSII), Lindsey Query (MSII), Luke Miller (MSII), Rowan Hurrell (MS II), Jonathan Lin (MS II), Adam McHenry (MS II), and Liz Jones (MSIII)

While in Honduras, participants will set up a week-long medical clinic in the town of Rigores near the northern coast, where they intend to provide basic medical care, hospital referrals, eye glasses, and much-needed medications to nearly 700 people in the area. Trip volunteers also will be involved in preventive medicine by offering blood pressure and glucose screenings, as well as conducting public health education sessions on topics like diabetes and nutrition.

This trip is a collaborative effort that seeks to build on the existing relationships with Honduran partners established by the IUSM Department of Family Medicine through their summer immersion, 3rd year clerkship and 4th year international elective programs.

Interested in finding out more about the Alternative Spring Break – Honduras program? Email Adam McHenry, one of the medical student project leaders, at admmche@iupui.edu.

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl for more information, or to securely donate online.

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Helping Habitat

Habitat for Humanity is an international housing ministry which has built more than 200,000 houses around the world since its founding in 1976. Helping Habitat (HH), a program sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning (OMSL), includes medical student volunteers who participate in local and national Habitat for Humanity home-building projects.

During spring break (March 7-13) nine IUSM students will travel to Punta Gorda, Fla., to participate in a Habitat project. Participants include Jessica Brown, Julia Freeze, Ross Heskett, Matt Miles, Jon Lynch, Janice Lin, Nathan Farlow, Molly McPheron and Melissa Tully.

In addition to the spring break trip to Florida, plans are in the works for local volunteer opportunities during the spring semester. It's always a great opportunity to get away from the desk, swing a hammer, and help people out all at the same time. Anyone who is interested in giving some time and energy is encouraged to contact HH chair [Jessica Brown](#).

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New IUSM Learning Center open house TODAY

Come join the celebration of the opening of the new IUSM Learning Center in the IUSM Medical Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Remarks will be presented at 2:30 p.m. in the dean's tower of the medical library. Light refreshments will be served.

The second and third floors of the medical library have been transformed into a team-based learning classroom, four computer labs for classroom and testing use, and 10 small group study rooms. New study carrels and enhanced wireless access have been added throughout the building and a new 24-hour study area for IUSM students has been added on the second floor.

Self-guided tours with information will be available, as well as hands-on demonstrations in some of the rooms.

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Fairbanks Ethics Lecture on privacy

"Privacy: An Evolving Legal Concept" will be discussed by Valita Fredland, JD, MA, at the Wednesday, March 3, Fairbanks Ethics Lecture. The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. at the Methodist Hospital Petticrew Auditorium.

Fredland earned her undergraduate degree in economics at Mount Holyoke College, her law degree at Cornell University, and a master's degree in clinical biomedical ethics at the University of Virginia. In 2005 she became certified as an information privacy professional by the International Association of Privacy Professionals and completed the 2007 Hoosier Fellows Program sponsored by the Randall L. Tobias Center for Leadership at Indiana University. She joined Clarian Health Partners in 1998 as associate general counsel and chief privacy officer.

Lunch will not be provided, but guest may "brown bag" lunch and eat during the presentation.

For questions and comments, please contact Amy Chamness at achamnes@clarian.org or 962-1721.

For additional information about the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, please visit our website at www.fairbankscenter.org. Free CME/CE credit is offered.

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Adios, adieu, au revoir Jan

There are many ways to say goodbye but after 39 years in the IUSM Dean's Office it will take all of them to adequately express the sentiment to Jan Walther, who has worn many hats over the years including greeting guests to the IUSM Dean's Office in Fesler Hall and Fairbanks for the past half dozen years.

Join colleagues and friends who will gather in the Fairbanks Hall lobby from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, to wish Jan well in her retirement.

Jan's institutional history goes *alllllll* the way back to 1971 when Robert Welty, director of finance, hired her. Since then she has seen many administrators come and go and may be persuaded to share some of the more intriguing stories.

Remarks will be presented by IUSM Dean Craig Brater at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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All invited to 'Food for Thought'

"Food for Thought - Local Food. Global Impact." will be presented from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

Inspired by IUPUI's inaugural common theme book, *Deep Economy* by Bill McKibben, and the 2010 Spirit & Place theme, a distinguished panel of faculty and local experts will explore how and why we consume food – its sources, quality, culture and markets and the consequences of our consumption on our local and worldwide community.

Join thought provoking discussions and be prepared to challenge your current way of thinking while joining fellow alumni and friends who share your passion for learning and engagement. The price is \$35 and includes continental breakfast and lunch (\$25 for current students and members of the IU or Purdue Alumni Associations). You may view the schedule for the day and register online at www.myiupui.com/food.

Please register by Wednesday, March 3. Contact Kimberly Helton at 274-8905 or kdhelton@iupui.edu if you have any questions.

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Intellectual property trends topic at IBEN

A panel discussion of current trends in intellectual property issues will be the topic of the Tuesday, March 9, meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. The meeting is free, but registration is required at the IBEN web site at www.indianabionetwork.org/.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to ask questions about intellectual property and startup companies. Gain advice from a panel of experts whether you are currently in the patent process or considering making public disclosures including publishing your research. Panelists will include

Dustin DuBois, partner in Ice Miller's business practice group, and Mark Reichel, associate in Ice Miller's IP practice group, with Tom Walsh, partner and chair of Ice Miller's IP group, moderating. IBEN is sponsored by the Indiana University Research and Technology Corp., Ice Miller and the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

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Popular film, discussion on neuroscience history

The Seminars in Medical Humanities and Health Studies will present "The Brain Revealed by the Mind of Michael Powell" with Diane Broadbent Friedman facilitating the showing of the film *A Matter of Life and Death* and then lead discussion based on her book. The event will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Lilly Auditorium of the IUPUI Library.

Friedman is the clinical coordinator at the Neuroscience Institute at St. Vincent Health. Refreshments will be served and RSVPs are appreciated to Becky Cervenka at rcervenk@iupui.edu or 278-1669.

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Department of Public Health information session

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend an information session to learn about the educational programs offered in the IU School of Medicine Department of Public Health. The event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, will provide an overview of the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, the PhD in epidemiology, and the Office of Public Health Practice.

The event will be in the Department of Public Health office, room 220, 714 N. Senate Ave. (corner of Senate and St. Clair streets). Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Jansen at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765.

Visit the website at www.pbhealth.iupui.edu.

Can't attend the information session in person? Log on to: breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession to attend the session from your personal computer.

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Disney to share its secrets

IUPUI Brings Disney Institute to Indianapolis on Monday, March 22, with a one-day workshop. The Disney's Approach to Quality Service for Healthcare Professionals program shows the importance of attention to detail in everything Disney does - from training its cast members (employees) to treating every guest (patient) as a VIP.

See how Disney best practices can be easily adapted to your health-care delivery organization. Use code IUPSFNEI to receive \$50 off registration at www.keysindianapolis.com.

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Rawls to discuss history of black physicians

George H. Rawls, MD, emeritus clinical professor of surgery at IUSM, will speak to the IUPUI Senior Academy on the history of black physicians in the United States using Indianapolis as an example. His presentation will be in the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Glendale Branch auditorium at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 23.

This history will reveal the inability of black physicians to obtain hospital privileges to care for their patients and their efforts to overcome this discrimination by building hospitals of their own. The enactment of Medicare and Medicaid, with their nondiscrimination provisions, required hospitals to admit minority patients, although some institutions in Indianapolis began to do so earlier.

Dr. Rawls is noted for his efforts to help both medical school students and the community at large. Scholarships in his name have been established at both Indiana University and at his alma mater, Florida A&M.

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How to write winning grant proposals

“Less is More: Practical Approaches to Writing Compelling Grant Proposals in Fewer Pages” will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, at the IUPUI Campus Center, room 307.

With the recent reduction in page limits for NIH grants, the importance of clear and concise grant proposals cannot be overstated. This workshop, presented by Anne Marie Weber-Main, PhD, will provide participants with strategies for describing their research proposal as a short story rather than a novel, and tips for shortening sentences, paragraphs and sections without sacrificing content. The session is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

Dr. Weber-Main also will present “The Power of Professional Networking for Success and Satisfaction in the Faculty Role” on March 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Emerson Hall, room 304.

For more information about each session and to register, visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp.

Questions: Maquarle@iupui.edu

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Partnering for Promotion workshop series

IUPUI Vice Chancellor for Research Kody Varahramyan will discuss the guidelines for “excellence in research” in the promotion and tenure process and discuss some of the resources available from his office.

Registration is required for the Thursday, March 25, workshop, which will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. in University Library, room 1126. Lunch will be provided. Register at ofw.iupui.edu.

Cosponsors are the Faculty Appointments and Advancement and Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Partnering for Promotion workshop series, offered by the IUPUI Office for Women, presents the policies, processes, and resources required for faculty to put forward an application for tenure or promotion. The small group format (maximum of 25 participants) provides a friendly environment for candid discussion and ample opportunities for interaction with the panelists.

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Special rounds for autism at the ROC

Over the past decade, no pediatric developmental diagnosis has been more discussed and studied than autism. What was once considered a rare disorder now is brought up, often with significant alarm, by the families of patients. Given the proven positive impact of early intervention services on a child with autism's lifelong social and communication skills, having and knowing how to use the screening tools for the initial signs of autism are crucial.

The staff of the Riley Child Development Center has been helping children, families and physicians understand neurodevelopmental diagnoses for 40 years. Using feedback from primary care physicians statewide, frequent questions and concerns regarding developmental surveillance and screening have been compiled.

Being able to quickly, but accurately, assess for the early delays that could indicate a pervasive developmental disorder and having the resources to provide families with the proper needed interventions and services will be the topics covered in a one hour, special rounds. These rounds will be offered twice, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Friday, March 26, in the Ruth Lilly Center at the Riley Outpatient Center to pediatric primary care providers, physicians and their staffs.

Registration for this event is now open at pediatrics.iupui.edu/body.cfm?id=1035.

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Research Funding Update

The IU Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research offer a weekly digest containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions. Digests are published on Wednesdays but may be sent more frequently if deadlines are urgent.

View the current [Research Funding Update](#).

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Nickens awards applications due April 2

The AAMC is soliciting nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens awards.

The Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal, and health care needs of minorities.

The Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care.

Information for description and deadlines can be found at www.aamc.org/about/awards

The IUSM deadline for selection of candidates is **Friday, April 2**. Send all documentation to [Nuria Morral](#), PhD.

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IUPUI Research Enterprise newsletter seeks submissions

The March and April Research Enterprise issues will have a health and medical sciences theme. Faculty are encouraged to submit articles that highlight research happening in these areas. The common sections in the newsletter are Feature Story, Faculty Spotlight, Student Spotlight, Center Spotlight, and Announcements. Articles submissions for March are due to me by 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 9**. April article submissions are due by **Tuesday, April 13**.

The article submissions should be no more than 400 words in length (Arial font/12-point type), include a headline, and a JPEG photo of the person being featured or a certain activity that depicts what is being highlighted.

Once your article is submitted, there may be follow-up by Shawn Woodall, our communications and marketing assistant, for a brief interview (if time permits). Once all articles have been submitted, they will be reviewed to determine placement.

Please contact Etta Ward, director of research development, at 278-8427 or emward@iupui.edu with questions or if you need assistance.

Links: Current Issue -- research.iupui.edu/enterprise/
Archived Issues -- research.iupui.edu/enterprise/archive/

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Ethics fellowship applications open

Applications are available for the 2010-2011 Clinical Ethics Fellowship sponsored by the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics. The application deadline is **Friday, April 30**.

This nine-month, part-time fellowship focuses on training health care professionals in clinical ethics, including ethics consultation, hospital ethics committee work, and ethics research. Graduates will become capable members of the ethics community.

The target audience for the fellowship includes physicians, nurses, chaplains and social workers. Other members of the community (e.g. attorneys or members of administrative staffs) may also apply.

Application to the fellowship is competitive. The application process includes submission of a written application which includes several brief narrative essays, a letter of support from the applicant's immediate supervisor, one letter of recommendation and interviews with Fairbanks Center staff.

For an application and additional information go to the Fairbanks Center website www.fairbankscenter.org/index.php/programs/fellowship/ or contact Patty Bledsoe, Fairbanks Center program manager, at 962-9260 or pbledsoe@clarian.org.

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Who will be the next Beering Lecturer? Help decide

The Steven C. Beering Award honors an internationally recognized individual for outstanding research contributions to the advancement of biomedical or clinical science. The award, a tribute to a former IUSM dean, is presented annually and consists of a prize of \$25,000.

The recipient is asked to present one major lecture to the medical community at the time the award is bestowed and to spend about three days at IUSM delivering one or two additional lectures to smaller groups.

Bert W. O'Malley, MD, Thomas C. Thompson Professor and chairman of molecular and cellular biology and director of the Baylor Center for Reproductive Biology, was the 2009 recipient of the Beering Award. His research group has made fundamental discoveries in characterizing the intracellular mechanisms by which steroid hormones exert their actions through nuclear receptors. His work has been recognized by his receipt of more than 45 honors and awards, and most recently, the National Medal of Science, our nation's highest award in science. Five of the past Beering Award recipients have become Nobel laureates, either before or after receipt of this award.

Nominations are sought for the 2010 award and each should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishment(s) of the nominee, importance to biomedical or clinical science, and why you believe he/she is deserving of this honor. Please include a curriculum vitae and a list of key publications.

Please send information no later than Monday, March 1, to the attention of Iona Sewell, Indiana University School of Medicine Dean's Office, 340 West 10th Street, Fairbanks Hall 6200, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3082.

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Visual Media is here to help

Visual Media offers creative services in animation, graphic design, medical illustration, photography, medical sculpture, research poster printing and video production to the IUSM faculty, researchers, staff and trainees.

Samples of work can be viewed at visualmedia.medicine.iu.edu. Also available on the website are PowerPoint templates for presentations and research posters, which can be downloaded at visualmedia.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=10&oTopID=10.

Contact the office at 274-7478 or vismedia@iupui.edu.

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JSB History of Medicine memberships

IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited to become a member of the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society. Dues are \$15 a year.

Contact Nancy Eckerman at 274-2076 or neckerma@iupui.edu to join or for information on upcoming lectures.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, to Sound Medicine, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis.

This weekend, Sound Medicine host Barbara Lewis and guests will discuss babies and food allergies, celiac disease and teenage girls and STDs.

Rachel Vreeman, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics at IUSM, will discuss a recent Finnish study that suggests introducing certain foods to babies too early could lead to food allergies.

Peter Green, MD, professor of clinical medicine and director of the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University, will explain diagnosing celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder that produces damage to the lining of the small intestines from eating gluten and other proteins found in wheat, barley and rye.

Byron E. Batteiger, MD, professor of medicine, and J. Dennis Fortenberry, MD, M.S., professor of pediatrics, both at IUSM, will discuss their recent study on STD reinfections among teenage girls and what can be done to reduce these numbers.

Nigel Gopiem, PhD, a post doctoral fellow at the Rotman Research Institute in Toronto, will talk about “destination memory,” the reason why people often forget to whom they’ve told stories, which causes them to repeat them.

Sound Medicine essayist Eric Metcalf will speak on blood donation.

In this week’s Sound Medicine “Checkup,” Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore measuring beauty.

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

Sound Medicine is underwritten by Clarian Health, IU Medical Group and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Primary care segments are underwritten by Wishard Health Services.

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Physician-researcher receives Sagamore

Rafat Abonour, MD, received a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor an Indiana governor can bestow, during a special ceremony Feb. 19. Dr. Abonour, an oncologist and researcher at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center and professor of medicine at IUSM, was formally recognized for his distinguished service during a reception attended by family, friends, and colleagues.

For the past five years, Dr. Abonour – an avid amateur marathon runner – has run and biked more than 700 miles and raised more than \$1 million since starting Miles for Myeloma. The money is used for research devoted to finding a cure for multiple myeloma, an incurable but treatable blood cancer.

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Continuing Medical Education

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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Resources

Want to find a room that has a Polycom hook-up? Need official IUSM templates for your PowerPoint presentation or poster about a guest lecturer? Check out the new “Resources For” page on the IUSM web site. Resources For is accessible from the school’s home page (medicine.iu.edu) – look on the right-hand side of the page.

If you have suggestions of other resources that would be beneficial and could be added to this list, contact the Office of Public and Media Relations at medschl@iupui.edu.

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MedTV

The Office of Public and Media Relations now manages the MedTV screens on the medical school campus. This closed-circuit TV system, part of the IUPUI network, presents a wonderful opportunity for faculty, staff and students to communicate events and information of interest to others. It also serves as a source for broadcasting emergency information on campus.

The MedTVs are located in public areas of the HITS building, the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium, the Daly Center and Walther Hall.

Announcements from departments and offices are welcome. To have your department or office announcements posted on MedTV, please read the MedTV guidelines: communications.medicine.iu.edu/medtv. Questions? Phone 274-7722.

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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)

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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