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# **Top News**

### Molitoris promoted to distinguished professor

Bruce A. Molitoris, M.D., IU School of Medicine professor of medicine and cellular and integrative physiology, has been promoted to distinguished professor, Indiana University's highest academic rank. Dr. Molitoris' appointment, along with the distinguished professor appointments of four others, was approved by the IU Board of Trustees on Feb. 5.

Dr. Molitoris is one of a select few international leaders in nephrology. His pioneering research has focused on what is now referred to as acute kidney injury, formerly known as acute renal failure. He has been recognized by "Best Doctors in America" from 2009 to 2015 and has served as president of the American Society of Nephrology in 2012-13. Dr. Molitoris has published more than 100 original research papers and holds six patents. He also is the manager of INphoton LLC and medical director of FAST BioMedical.

"These individuals exemplify the very best of public education through their exceptional contributions to a wide variety of disciplines," IU President Michael A. McRobbie said. "Through research, teaching and service, all of them have consistently achieved the highest standards of academic scholarship, leadership and integrity. We are proud to honor these outstanding members of our faculty with Indiana University's most prestigious appointment."

The distinguished professorship recognizes faculty who have transformed their fields of study and have earned international recognition. Faculty, alumni, professional colleagues, and students nominate the field of candidates, based on outstanding research, scholarship, and artistic or literary distinction. Nominations are reviewed by the University Distinguished Ranks Committee, which recommends appointments.

The university's annual Celebration of Distinguished Teaching will take place April 8 in Alumni Hall at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington. Dr. Molitoris and the other new distinguished professors will be formally recognized at the event.

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# New tool supporting all-funds budgeting to launch in early 2017

IU School of Medicine is implementing a new budget application system -- Oracle Hyperion Planning -- to support necessary all-funds budgeting for IUSM, including clinical components and grant funding.

"Scheduled for launch in 2017, Oracle Hyperion will enhance our ability to direct and manage funds in support of research, education, and clinical care," said Sam Adams, IU School of Medicine interim associate chief financial officer. "It will enrich IUSM's financial planning and reporting capabilities, and add some new functionality."

Targeted to financial users, Oracle Hyperion offers a user-friendly interface and these key features and benefits:

- Direct integration of metadata and/or financial data to and from source systems
- · Capability to quickly produce financial forecasts, trends, and scenarios with easy manipulation of

input

- Fully functional and enhanced reporting capabilities at all levels—department, unit, and school
- Detailed audit, security, and approval functions
- Robust and standardized business rules
- Customized reference fields and notes.

An implementation team consisting of representatives from the Dean's Office, the University Budget Office, the IUPUI Budget Office, CAITS, and multiple IUSM departments met last month to begin planning for next year's launch according to this timeline:

January - July: System design and testing

October - November: User training and troubleshooting

January 2017: Go live

With questions or for more information, e-mail hyperion@iu.edu. To receive future communications related to Hyperion implementation, send a blank email to Hyperion-I-subscribe@iupui .edu.

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# **Faculty and Staff News**

# Renbarger and Haneline appointed Department of Pediatrics section chiefs

D. Wade Clapp, M.D., chair of the Department of Pediatrics, has announced the appointments of two new departmental section chiefs: Jamie Renbarger, M.D., for Hematology/Oncology and Laura Haneline, M.D., for Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine.

Dr. Renbarger is the Nora Letzter Scholar in Pediatric Oncology and the interim director of the Indiana Institute for Personalized Medicine and was the academic section chief of Hematology/Oncology. She

is an international leader in pediatric personalized medicine and pharmacogenomics and leads the pediatric cancer IU Health Precision Genomics program and aligned research program at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. Dr. Renbarger has made significant contributions to the IU School of Medicine and the greater research and clinical communities as a physician, leader, researcher and teacher.

In 2011, Dr. Renbarger was a recipient of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals. Her research program has been well funded by NIH for over 10 years, including a prestigious pediatric and developmental pharmacology center grant (U54), which supports the Indiana Center for Pediatric Pharmacology. She is also committed to teaching and mentorship and serves as the PI of a pediatric and developmental pharmacology T32. She has also received important support from the Riley Children's Foundation. She is highly committed to continuing down the path to finding ways to optimize cancer therapy to improve outcomes for individual children, and looks forward to embracing this new challenge to put critical

resources in place to empower talented personnel to drive a shared vision.

Dr. Haneline, during her tenure as a faculty member, has actively participated in all academic missions and is currently a professor of pediatrics with secondary appointments in microbiology and immunology and in cellular and integrative physiology. She was previously the medical director of the NNP/PA Program (2012-2015) and associate director of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (2009-2014) before assuming the interim section chief position in 2015.

As an independent investigator, Dr. Haneline has had continuous NIH funding since 1999. Her research focuses on how dysfunction of stem and progenitor cells impacts the pathogenesis of hematopoietic, pulmonary, and vascular diseases. She is specifically interested in how adverse intrauterine and early postnatal environments program neonatal stem/progenitor cells for long-term dysfunction and chronic disease predisposition. Currently, she is a standing member of the Molecular and Cellular Hematology National Institutes of Health study section and has been a guest editor for *Antioxidants & Redox Signaling* and *Seminars in Perinatology*. In 2001, she received the Young Investigator Award from the Perinatal Research Society and was elected to the prestigious American Society of Clinical Investigation in 2009 and the American Pediatric Society in 2012. She is the training director of the Indiana Pediatric Scientist Award Program and is the PI or co-investigator on two R01 awards, one U10 award and a U54 award.

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### Hoffmann-Longtin recognized among IBJ's Forty Under 40

Krista Hoffmann-Longtin, IU School of Medicine assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development, was recently selected as one of Indianapolis Business Journal's Forty Under 40 for 2016. Hoffman-Longtin is also an assistant professor of communications studies at IUPUI. She earned a doctorate in educational leadership and policy at Indiana University.

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# Opportunities for faculty, lab mentors in summer oncology program

Clinical faculty, laboratory mentors, and lecturers are invited to participate in a joint summer translational oncology program among IU School of Medicine, IU Simon Cancer Center, and Johns Hopkins. The program -- Cancer in the Under-Privileged Indigent or Disadvantaged (CUPID) -- is designed to promote the field of oncology to medical students interested in addressing both rural and urban health care disparities.

IUSM will host four to six students for the program, which will be held from June 13 to July 29. Faculty conducting cancer-related research are encouraged to consider hosting a student in their labs, giving a lecture related to oncology, or providing a shadow experience in their clinics. Faculty mentors hosting a summer student in their labs will receive \$1,000 to cover lab-related expenses.

For more information, view the CUPID program website. Contact Richard Zellars, M.D., at rzellars@iu.edu with questions or to volunteer.

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### **Student News**

### Check your email: 29 days of February continues

The IU School of Medicine and the wellness committee have designated February as a month to focus on wellness. To help combat winter blahs and February blues, check your email for information about wellness activities and related campus events. Have a great winter blues buster? Share how you practice wellness with a post or photo on Facebook #IUSMwellbruary.

#### 29 days of February

#### **IUSM-Evansville events**

Week of Feb. 15 -- "Healthy Lunch on Us", noon, Tuesday, Feb. 16

Week of Feb. 22 -- Pictures with Sadie the therapy dog and Calm Down Jars activity

Contact Dr. Kalb at eakalb@usi.edu for more information on these events.

#### **IUSM-Terre Haute events**

Week of Feb. 15 -- Test-taking skills workshop

Week of Feb. 22 -- Chair massages

Contact Ashley Holt at Ashley.Holt@indstate.edu for more information on these events.

#### **IUSM-West Lafayette events**

Friday, Feb. 12 -- Eating Healthy During Medical School

Wednesday, Feb. 17 -- Get Fit: Quick and Effective Workouts

Tuesday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 25 -- Relaxation Station: Massage Therapy

Monday, Feb. 29 -- Uncovering the Gray: Life Events are Complicated

Tuesday, March 1 -- Get Fit: Group X Aerobics

Contact Brooke Linn at balinn@purdue.edu for more information on these events.

#### **IUSM-Indianapolis events**

Monday, Feb. 15 -- Create your own trail mix and recipe exchange, 11 am to 1 pm, Dean's Office

Wednesday, Feb. 17 -- Dangers of stimulant use lecture, noon to 1 pm, MS B11

Friday, Feb. 19 -- Knit for a cause, noon to 1 pm, Office of Diversity Affairs

Monday, Feb. 22 -- Free depression screenings, noon to 1 pm, Daly 171 and 173

Thursday, Feb. 25 -- ICAN therapy dogs, 11 am to 1 pm, MedSci Atrium

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# Russell to participate in pediatric oncology program at St. Jude's

Joseph Russell Lee Wells, MS1, IUSM-Fort Wayne, has been selected to participate in the Pediatric

Oncology Education Program at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The program, funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, offers a unique opportunity for students preparing for careers in the biomedical sciences, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, or public health to gain biomedical and oncology research experience. Wells begins the program in May and will participate in a training experience in either laboratory research or clinical research.

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# Hear what students have to say about IUSM's new curriculum

Learn more about the benefits of IU School of Medicine's new curriculum from those who helped shape it -- IUSM students. In the latest video available on the curriculum renewal microsite, IUSM students from around the state discuss how earlier interaction with patients, self-directed and peer-to-peer engagement, and enhanced preparation for residency -- all supported by the new curriculum -- will lead to a more robust educational experience at IUSM.

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## Apply by Feb. 19 for alternative spring break in Nicaragua

Looking for something worthwhile to do on spring break? Graduate students in medicine are encouraged to apply for Alternative Spring Break (ASB) 2016. In Nicaragua, diarrhea is a leading cause of death in infants and school age children. Participants in ASB 2016, sponsored by ENLACE (Enhancing Latin American Care Experiences), will work to combat this dismal reality by building composting latrines in Zacataloza, a rural village where most homes -- and even the school -- do not have a latrine.

This week-long trip combines service, discovery, adventure, and interprofessional learning. From the moment you land in Managua, you will be immersed in the rich history and culture of Nicaragua. Homestays with host families and the chance to shadow Nicaragua health care providers round out this immersion experience.

To apply, visit go.iupui.edu or iabroad.iu.edu and search for Nicaragua: ENLACE Project Spring Break. The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 19. For more details, contact Kathleen Fenerty at kfenerty@iupui.edu or Emily Potts at epotts@umail.iu.edu.

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# **Opportunities**

# Feb. 15 is deadline to apply for new assistant dean positions

The Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD) and the Office of Educational Affairs invite applications for new assistant deans for faculty development and educational affairs. Those selected for these part-time appointments will be responsible for providing professional development, support, recognition, and process improvement for faculty (primarily volunteer faculty) throughout the IUSM nine-

campus system.

To review the full position description and submit an application, visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu. The priority application deadline is Monday, Feb. 15.

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### Funding opportunity for autoimmune disease researchers

The Midwest Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium (SPARC), recently established by the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), in partnership with Ohio State University, Northwestern University, Washington University in St Louis, The University of Chicago, Eli Lilly and Co. and Takeda Pharamaceutials Inc., seeks applicants for the Midwest SPARC awards program, which focuses on projects related to human autoimmune disease. Funded programs are limited to \$400,000.

Letters of intent are due Friday, March 18. More information about the awards program and submission guidelines is available at indianactsi.org.

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### **Kudos**

# Medscape names IUSM's Einhorn one of "50 most influential physicians in history"

Lawrence Einhorn, M.D., distinguished professor, Livestrong Foundation Professor of Oncology and professor of medicine, has been named one of "The 50 Most Influential Physicians in History" by Medscape. Of those named, Medscape editors offered this: "We've endeavored to identify the giants of medicine who we feel stand apart due to the extent of their achievements and their impact on the development of medical practice."

Dr. Einhorn, who developed the cure for testicular cancer 40 years ago, now focuses his research efforts on lung cancer.

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# Hammond receives Robert L. Moody Prize

Flora Hammond, M.D., chair, IUSM Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and Covalt Professor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, has been awarded the 2016 Robert L. Moody Prize for Distinguished Initiatives in Brain Injury Research and Rehabilitation.

The Moody Prize is awarded annually by the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston, the Transitional Learning Center of Galveston, and the UTMB Center for Rehabilitation Sciences to honor and recognize individuals or a team of individuals who have made significant contributions in applied brain injury research and rehabilitation. The award recognizes Dr. Hammond's contributions in the field of brain injury

rehabilitation, including her contributions in science, clinical care, professional development, and advocacy.

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# **Around Campus**

### Indy – Learn about HPV at Feb. 16 film and panel discussion event

Plan to attend a panel discussion and viewing of the documentary "Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic" from 11:45 am to 2 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Theater Room of the IUPUI Campus Center. The award-winning documentary explores the lives of five brave women affected by the human papillomavirus (HPV). Gregory D. Zimet, Ph.D., professor of pediatrics and clinical psychology, IU School of Medicine, will participate in the panel discussion. View the flyer for more information.

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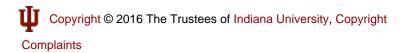
IU Day is a nonstop, 24-hour celebration of Indiana University happening online and around the world. It's for all campuses, all students, all alumni, all faculty and staff, and all who love IU. The fun starts at midnight EDT on April 12.

Here is what's in store for the big day:

- 24 hours of exciting online IU content at iuday.iu.edu
- Social media challenges and contests
- On-campus and alumni-chapter events around the world
- IU faithful rocking their IU gear
- Special giving opportunities and challenges

Mark your calendar, and keep an eye on iuday.iu.edu for more information.

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