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### » **IU Center for Bioethics and Moi University offer new master's degree**

A new partnership between the Indiana University and Kenya's Moi University will develop master's degrees at both universities that focus on ethical issues in international health research.

The program, funded with a \$940,000 award from the National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center, will create the Indiana University-Moi University Academic Research Ethics Partnership.

The partnership builds on the 20-year relationship between the Indiana University School of Medicine and Moi University School of Medicine in the East African city of Eldoret, Kenya, which began as a way to provide training to medical students and health-care providers from both universities.

For more information on the new graduate degree program, see [www.bioethics.iu.edu/](http://www.bioethics.iu.edu/).

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### » **When the need arises, IUSM weather closings online**

The weather outside isn't frightful, but when it takes a turn, check [medicine.iu.edu/weatherAdvisory](http://medicine.iu.edu/weatherAdvisory) for the IUSM adverse weather advisory. The IUPUI adverse weather policy can be found at [www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/policies/nonunion/8.0/8.3.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/policies/nonunion/8.0/8.3.html).

The university generally does not close because of adverse weather. When the campus remains open during adverse weather, employees are expected to use their best judgment if adverse weather creates extreme travel hazards for commuting to and from the workplace.

Be aware, however, that the cancellation of classes does not necessarily mean the campus is closed. Closing the campus is a specific action of the Chancellor separate from the decision to cancel classes. Faculty and staff are advised to listen carefully to Indianapolis metropolitan area radio and television stations regarding cancellations and campus closings and to verify this information on the campus webpage, [www.iupui.edu](http://www.iupui.edu).

In addition, IU has an emergency notification system (IU Notify) that permits messages to be sent as voice or text message to cell, home and office phones and university and non-university email accounts. To receive notification of class cancellations and campus closings via phone and email, employees must update their emergency contact information through OneStart at [www.onestart.iu.edu](http://www.onestart.iu.edu). Select the "notifications" tab and follow the links.

There are some jobs which require employees to work during campus closings. Check with your supervisor and, in the case of medical students and personnel, check the IUSM adverse weather web site.

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### ► IUSCC seeks proposals for ACS grants

The IU Simon Cancer Center is pleased to announce the availability of funds for new pilot projects to assist new investigators who hold the rank of assistant professor, research assistant professor, or assistant scientist. These funds are from the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant.

This grant provides support for beginning investigators to enable them to initiate their independent research program. Funds are available for 4-5 pilot projects in amounts up to \$25,000. Special funds also are available for one pilot study in the amount of \$30,000 within the special topic of cancer disparities focused on underserved populations.

The deadline for application submission for American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant pilot study funding is **Monday, Jan. 5**. Application guidelines and forms may be obtained from:

Elizabeth Parsons  
Cancer Pavilion, RT-455  
Phone: 317-278-0078; Fax: 317-278-0074  
email: [eparsons@iupui.edu](mailto:eparsons@iupui.edu)

The purpose of the ACSIRG program is to attract new investigators from Indiana University into cancer research and to provide support for new pilot studies that will provide preliminary data for the investigator to develop into studies that will compete successfully for external, national funds from both federal and private sources. Faculty from the IUSM and its regional campuses, the IU schools of nursing, dentistry, optometry, public and environmental affairs, health and rehabilitation sciences, liberal arts, law, science, and informatics are encouraged to apply.

**Eligibility:** Applications are invited from faculty with ranks of assistant professor, research assistant professor, or assistant scientist. Proposals must describe new pilot studies in cancer research. ACS guidelines specify that applicants with prior funding from the ACSIRG or with significant funding from other sources are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, or submit proof of approval for a green card. Applications from research assistant professors and assistant scientists require a letter from the department chair certifying that the research proposal is independent of the research program of the laboratory P.I.

The funding period will be Feb. 1, 2009, through Jan. 31, 2010.

The body of the proposal must not exceed 6 pages. Appendices may not be more than 4 pages. Proposals must follow formatting guidelines of fonts of Helvetica or Arial, font size 11 point or larger, and ½ inch margins. An electronic copy in .pdf format should be submitted to Elizabeth Parsons, grants coordinator, at [eparsons@iupui.edu](mailto:eparsons@iupui.edu).

Proposals which exceed the page numbers or fail to follow the formatting guidelines will be returned to the investigator without review.

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### ► Scope at the holidays

Scope will not publish Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving, but will resume publication Dec. 5 and 12. The weekly e-newsletter will take a holiday break and be back in email inboxes Jan. 9.

The final day for submission of copy for inclusion in the Dec. 12 issue will be noon, Thursday, Dec. 11. Please forward information

for events in early January so readers can have a preview before the new year.

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### › **Staff Council hosts 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., Nov. 22. 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](mailto:mjcurfma@iupui.edu) or visit the Staff Council website at [www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/craftsfair](http://www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/craftsfair).

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### › **Extra biological specimen training scheduled**

An additional biological specimen training session has been added to the November schedule at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24. The training room is in the Union Building, room 542.

Those interested in registering for this session must contact Janet Jones at 274-2005 or [jaejones@iupui.edu](mailto:jaejones@iupui.edu) by the end of the day prior to the scheduled training.

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### › **Beads Of Hope with WTHR Channel 13**

Commemorate World AIDS Day with Imani Workshops a revenue-generating social enterprise focused on producing high quality crafts by HIV+ artisans in western Kenya.

WTHR-Channel 13 will be screening a recent story "Beads of Hope" and the producer DeShong Perry will talk about her experience traveling to Kenya and visiting the workshops. Enjoy light refreshments and shop for Imani products, Monday, Dec. 1, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, room 450B. RSVPs are preferred. Questions may be forwarded to [sft@iupui.edu](mailto:sft@iupui.edu).

See [www.iupui.edu/~impactke](http://www.iupui.edu/~impactke) for more information on the Imani project.

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### › **Bioethics Journal Club**

The next meeting of the Bioethics Journal Club will be Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics, HITS building, 3rd floor.

Dr. Jay Arekere will discuss two related articles regarding ethics in American health. Dr. Arekere is an associate professor in the IU Department of Public Health. The articles are posted in the resources section of the BJC Oncourse project site. If you have questions please contact Robin Bandy at [rjakers@iupui.edu](mailto:rjakers@iupui.edu). Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The Bioethics Journal Club is co-sponsored by the IU Center for Bioethics and the IUPUI philosophy graduate program.

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### › **National Cancer Rehabilitation Symposium postponed**

The National Cancer Rehabilitation Symposium 2008: Current State of the Art, Recommendations for Future Development, originally scheduled for Dec. 4, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a date yet to be determined.

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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](mailto:mspence4@clarian.org)

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### › **Pediatric research discussion at TechPoint**

IUSM faculty will present "Pediatrics Research at Work: Connecting Research with Kids," at the December TechPoint New Economy New Rules series on Friday, Dec. 5, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The breakfast series, presented by Barnes & Thornburg LLP, is open to the public and is broadcast via a live interactive video feed to many locations throughout Indiana. The speakers will present in the fifth floor auditorium at the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St.

Richard L. Schreiner, M.D., physician-in-chief of Riley Hospital and chairman of the IU Department of Pediatrics, will start the panel discussion, followed by four pediatric researchers from the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research: Mervin Yoder, Jr., MD, Mark Kelley, PhD, Mark Payne, MD, and Raghu Mirmira, MD, PhD.

For more information or to register for the event, log on to [www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event\\_ID=775](http://www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=775), or contact Jodie Daugherty at [jdaugherty@btlaw.com](mailto:jdaugherty@btlaw.com) or 261-7922.

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### › **Project Joy – student volunteers needed**

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, IUSM student volunteers will again host Project Joy with a fun filled, Wii and turkey decorating event at Lockefield Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

This will be a great opportunity to spend quality time with the residents of this facility while bringing them tremendous joy, enthusiasm and laughter. For more information or to volunteer, contact the student project co-chairs, Selyne Samuel (MS2) at [sesamuel@iupui.edu](mailto:sesamuel@iupui.edu) or Sophia Smith (MS2) at [sssmith@iupui.edu](mailto:sssmith@iupui.edu).

Project Joy is one of 14 projects sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit [www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl) for more information.

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### › **Beanie Baby collection for Kenya a success**

The IUSM response to a request for donations of Beanie Babies to be shared with children connected with the Moi University School of Medicine in Eldoret, Kenya, was overwhelming, according to the project's organizer Angie Graves, who volunteered for the job after hearing a request from Moi program co-founder Joe Mamlin, MD.

"When I was asked to help collect 700 Beanie Babies for the children of Moi/Eldoret I was a bit skeptical. However, minutes after sending the word out to the students, staff, and faculty of IUSM amazing things started to happen. I cannot express enough how excited I am to announce that we have collected approximately 1,450 Beanie Babies or tiny stuffed animals for the children of

Moi. Many students, student's families, faculty, and staff of IUSM, Regenstrief, and University Hospital are to thank for this amazing outpour of generosity. I feel this is an amazing expression of the compassionate community we are all a part of."

Graves, who is a curriculum specialist in the Office of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, expressed her thanks to all who donated or shared the information to help make this holiday a little brighter for so many children.

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### » **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 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.

This weekend, Dr. Robert Scott, Rotary International Foundation Trustee chairman, will discuss how the organization, in collaboration with the Bill Gates Foundation and other groups, is working to eradicate polio around the world.

*Sound Medicine's* Ora Pescovitz, MD, will discuss the recent controversy over BPA (Bisphenol A) in food containers and baby bottles. Dr. Pescovitz will provide some suggestions for parents worried about the chemical effects.

Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD, a medical epidemiologist at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will explain his recent study showing a link between mothers with diabetes and the increased risk of birth defects.

David Kahn, PhD, research associate in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, will discuss his studies that show what is happening in the left and right brain during dreaming and REM (rapid eye movement) sleep.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Check Up," Jeremy Shere will look at the value of rowing as good cardio exercise.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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