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International research ethics master's program approved at Moi

Earlier this week, the Senate of Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya gave final approval to a new master's program in international research ethics. The new master of science in international research ethics is the sister program to one approved in 2009 at IUPUI allowing students to enroll in a master of arts in philosophy with a concentration in international research ethics.

The two programs are a key component of the IU-Moi Academic Research Ethics Partnership (IU-Moi AREP), lead by Eric M. Meslin, Ph.D., director of the IU Center for Bioethics and associate dean for bioethics at the IU School of Medicine.

Funded by a four-year grant from the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health, IU-Moi AREP is a curriculum development and training initiative that builds on the longstanding partnership and collaboration efforts between Indiana University and Moi University.

The two new graduate programs will have many common and overlapping components, including a curriculum of core courses and electives and a year-long practicum, one semester of which will be taken at the counterpart university. The IUPUI program has already admitted its first students; Moi will begin accepting applications immediately.

For more information on IU-Moi AREP, go to www.bioethics.iu.edu/arep

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Reach Out and Read—OMSL Literacy Project

The mission of Reach Out and Read (ROAR) is to make early literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric care so children grow up with books and a love of reading. In Indiana, the program is conducted in more than 125 clinics and is supported by physicians, nurses and volunteers.

On the IUSM campus, the Office of Medical Service Learning (OMSL) sponsors medical students who volunteer their time to read to children when they come for clinic visits. Students both demonstrate interactive reading skills to parents and show how reading can be fun to kids in pediatric waiting rooms and emergency rooms. After each session, the child gets to take a book home, and more than 185,000 books a year are distributed in Indiana. Medical students volunteer two to four times per month during the school year.

ROAR volunteer Rachel Smith explained why she thinks the program is valuable and why she participates. “Reading at the Wishard primary care center is often the highlight of my week. Kids in a waiting room can be a captive audience, and whether a child is not feeling very well, is super shy, or just rambunctious, it’s fun to watch him or her get drawn into the story. It’s also great to see the sense of accomplishment in beginning readers when they finish a page or in kids for whom English is a second language when they learn a new word.”

According to Victor Njoku, ROAR volunteer, it’s important that the healthcare system play a role in developing the minds of kids, and medical students benefit from this project because it reminds them of why they chose to go into medicine – they feel this is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community.

For additional information about ROAR, contact David Kiefer at djkiefer@iupui.edu or Temeka Kincy at tkincy@iupui.edu, the current project co-chairs. The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl for more information.

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EOTA is Saturday

The 2010 Evening of the Arts program will be Saturday, Feb. 13. The program showcases the musical, artistic and dramatic talents of Indiana University School of Medicine students to support clinics providing free health care services to the homeless and working poor of Indianapolis.

The performance and a silent auction will be at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School, 1140 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Street. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the talent show starts at 6 p.m. Items in the silent auction are on display throughout the evening. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$17 for adults and are available at the door.

For more information, see www.iupui.edu/~iusmeota/.

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IU Foundation streamlines paperwork

The IU Foundation has created two new e-docs for use as of Feb. 8. The new e-docs will eliminate the paper check for reimbursements to IU accounts.

The two new e-docs are “ETA to IU Transfer” and the “Scholarship Reimbursement.” The e-doc links are located in OneStart at <https://onestart.iu.edu/my2-prd/portal/102213>, under Administrative Forms.

The IU Foundation will continue to accept paper forms during February; however, **effective March 1**, paper check requests for reimbursements to IU accounts will no longer be accepted and will be returned to the originator.

More information regarding these new e-docs can be found at <https://onestart.iu.edu/my2-prd/portal/102185> under News & Announcements click “New E-docs available in IQ”.

An open lab training sessions will be Monday, Feb. 15, online from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Breeze session - Contact IUFHELP@indiana.edu for the breeze session link or check the IU Foundation IQ web site.

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Bedside teaching topic of special performance

Bedside teaching is a critical component of medical education yet can be difficult for faculty who must simultaneously attend to the patient and to the learner. A special performance from the University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching will focus on how to create comfortable learner-patient interactions for improved bedside teaching. A series of clinical interactions will be presented as interactive theater to prompt a workshop dialogue on clinical teaching and role-modeling when patients are in the room.

The performance will be offered Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Emerson Hall, room 304. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m. This program is part of the Academy of Teaching Scholars and meets requirements for the Instructional Strategies competency.

Register at faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp. Questions? maquarle@iupui.edu

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JSB lecture: Themes in medical education

The John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society presents a lecture by Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, entitled, "Cycles of Reform in Medical Education." The lecture will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 17, in room B26 of the VanNuys Medical Science Building.

At a time when many medical schools are contemplating curricular reforms of one kind or another, this lecture explores both novel and recurrent themes that have emerged over the past century of U.S. medical education.

Dr. Gunderman is professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, and philanthropy at IU.

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Curricular change brown bag series

IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited to discuss their goals and visions for the IUSM curriculum at a series of brown bag meetings. These will be open dialogues providing an opportunity for the IUSM community to gather and discuss possible curricular reform. Hear what is being discussed around campus and share your ideas.

Statewide curricular change brown bags began in January and will be held the first Monday and third Wednesday (Feb. 17) of each month. Meetings are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B11, and on video bridge 116.

Discussions through March 1 will focus on a series of key questions about the current curriculum and possible changes (see MECA website for the list of questions). Note: Participants are welcome to attend multiple sessions, but should be aware that the same questions will be asked at each meeting. Starting March 17, sessions will turn to look more closely at models or guidelines that have emerged thus far.

Please visit the MECA website at <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/integratedcurriculum> for the most current meeting information and links to curriculum resources.

The brown bag series is co-sponsored by the Curriculum Council Steering Committee, Faculty Steering Council, Medical Student Council, Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, and the Offices of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs and Medical Student Affairs.

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Are physicians obligated to make moral judgments?

The Christian Medical Association and the Ethics at Lunch program will present “The Myth of Moral Neutrality” at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the Emerson Hall auditorium. John Patrick, MD, president of Augustine College and director of public policy and ethics at the Christian Medical and Dental Society, will speak.

The program will analyze the feasibility of maintaining moral neutrality in the context of clinical medicine.

Lunch will be provided by FoodWorks.

For additional information contact [Brent Pickett](#), [Matt Read](#) or [Alex Thurman](#)

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Mini Medical School begins Feb. 18

Mini Medical School, the program for the public, students, faculty and lifelong learners, will be presented in four sessions beginning Feb. 18. The program is hosted by IUSM, the Faculty Community Relations Committee and the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health.

The classes:

Feb. 18 Participate in a taping of Sound Medicine at WFYI-FM studios at 1630 N. Meridian Street.

Feb. 24 Hands-on experiences in the country’s largest and newest Medical Simulation Center at Fairbanks Hall, 340 W. 10th Street.

March 3 The Aging Brain and gender differences in coping and managing. Drs. Mary Guerriero Austrom and Malaz Boustani of the IU School of Medicine, Center for Aging Research will co-present this session at the IUPUI Campus Center.

March 10 Why Are We Getting Fatter? A presentation by Dr. Ann Zerr of the Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, and Dr. Sara Blackburn, associate professor of clinical nutrition in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at IUPUI. Location is IUPUI Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (at the corner of W. Michigan Street).

Reservations are required due to the space limitations and can be made at communications.medicine.iu.edu/minimed2010 or by calling 274-7722. Check the website for additional program information or contact Michelle Benberry at 274-7722 or mbenberr@iupui.edu

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Hunger Banquet – Feb. 20

The Global Health Student Interest Group (GHSIG) at IUPUI, an organization dedicated to awareness and advocacy of global health issues, invites you to participate in the second annual Hunger Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 450.

The event is designed to promote awareness and cogent discussion of world hunger – an unconscionable reality for one out of every six people, most of whom are in the developing world.

The format of the Hunger Banquet provides a unique way to encourage dialogue on the topic through a “tiered-dining” experience that divides guests into “first world,” “second world,” and “third world,” and tailors the meals to the different economic strata represented.

In addition, the event features ethnic food donated from Indianapolis restaurants, diverse cultural entertainment (for instance, last year's event featured Indian dancing and Brazilian Capoeira performances), and Imani Workshop selling fair-trade Kenyan crafts.

All proceeds of this year's event go to benefit the [IU-Kenya Orphans & Vulnerable Children's Program](#).

Tickets will be available for \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and can be purchased online or at IUPUI campus offices. For more information, see www.iupui.edu/~ghsig.

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Revenue processing training session

The IU Office of the Treasurer has a revenue processing training scheduled for the IUPUI campus from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the IUPUI University Library, room 1126.

The registration page can be found at www.indiana.edu/~iutreas/forms/revenuetrainingreg.html.

This is in addition to the training provided by IUSM. If you have attended a Treasury Revenue Process training session in the past, you do not need to attend this session. Any full-time university employee who handles any type of revenue is required to attend a Revenue Processing Training per policy [VI-120](#).

Contact the Office of the Treasury at 812-855-7618 with any questions regarding the upcoming training.

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Corcoran lectureship seeks nominations

Nominations for outstanding medical researchers are sought for the 2010 Patrick J.V. and Margaret Corcoran lectureship in Evansville.

The children of Dr. and Mrs. Corcoran created the endowed Corcoran lectureship to recognize nationally and internationally renowned medical scientists. The recipient is asked to present a lecture to invited guests at a noon luncheon, interact with medical students in mid-afternoon and present a lecture to the public in the early evening on Oct. 12. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 and travel expenses.

Nominations should be accompanied by a statement of the academic accomplishments of the nominee and their importance to science. Please include contact information for the nominee. Send information to Rex Stith, PhD, I.U. School of Medicine – Evansville, 8600 University Blvd, Evansville, IN 47712 or rstith@iupui.edu.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of this lectureship. Awardees have been recognized for outstanding contributions to biomedical science. Recent recipients have been Randy Jirtle, PhD, Duke University Medical Center; Lawrence H. Einhorn, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine; George Q. Daly, MD, PhD, Harvard Medical School.

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IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards call for nominees

For the 17th consecutive year, IUSM will recognize outstanding teaching by faculty with the IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards. Two awards of \$1,000 each will be presented at the Spring Faculty Meeting.

The award is given in recognition of demonstrated excellence in teaching (approximately five years of service). All IUSM full-time and part-time faculty and librarians within the statewide system for medical education are eligible.

Please submit the names of faculty you would like to nominate for this prestigious award at meded.iusm.iu.edu/tan by **Friday, Feb. 19**.

Nomination of previous recipients of the Faculty Teaching Award or Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching is discouraged. Serious consideration will be given not only to faculty who teach in the traditional lecture setting but also to faculty who excel as leaders of small groups. Nomination of previous Trustee Teaching Award nominees and recipients is encouraged.

Nominees will be notified by the Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs with an invitation to submit a dossier for consideration.

In order to give the committee on Faculty Teaching Awards time to consider nominees and make final selections, dossier materials should be submitted via ANGEL on or before **Friday, March 19**.

Additional information and submission criteria can be found at meca.iusm.iu.edu/Awards/FTA. Please direct any questions to Alison Loftus at aloftus@iupui.edu or 317-278-1428.

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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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Koley joins Indiana Clinic

Caroline "Carie" Koley, MS, CNS, has been named as chief administrator – advanced providers for the Indiana Clinic. She will begin her new duties March 1.

Koley served as director of the cardiothoracic vascular transplant unit and co-director of inpatient cardiology at St. Vincent Hospital. Prior to joining St. Vincent Hospital, she played a key role in the opening of the St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana.

For the Indiana Clinic, Koley will be responsible for creating and implementing strategies that will strengthen advanced providers to become an essential key to clinical care. This will include recruiting world-class non-physician credentialed providers and developing initiatives to improve quality of care.

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Vermont Street closing

Vermont Street south of the IU School of Dentistry and west to Beauty Avenue will be closed for approximately four weeks for the installation of a new steam pipe. The dental school patient lot on the east side of the dental school will still be accessible from Vermont Street via Barnhill Drive.

Motorists will need to use Michigan Street to proceed west and New York Street to proceed east

Information on other construction at IUPUI can be found at www.masterplan.iupui.edu.

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ACLS Lab relocates

The Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Lab has relocated to the Walker Plaza Building, 719 Indiana Avenue. The lab will continue to operate as before, offering both ACLS and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses to all campus personnel, students and off-campus individuals.

Layperson and healthcare provider courses are offered and IU account billing is available, as well as credit card payment.

For course information, call 274-8731 or 274-8841.

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Mini-grants available to enhance LGBT awareness

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Faculty/Staff Council at IUPUI is awarding multiple \$500 mini grants to faculty, staff and students who wish to promote or enhance knowledge, tolerance, sensitivity, and/or develop understanding of GLBT issues and/or the GLBT community through the development of co-curricular academic programming.

Examples are, but not limited to, attending GLBT-focused event(s), purchasing GLBT-related film/media, paying GLBT-focused speaker honorariums/fees, and supporting GLBT-focused research.

For more information, a copy of the grant application, or to learn how to join the listserv and OnCourse site, email Jayme Little at jtlittle@iupui.edu or 274-1345.

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Grant money available

Need funding for your graduate work? Then apply for a GSO Educational Enhancement Grant today.

The Graduate Student Organization hands out thousands of dollars in grant money every semester.

If you are a graduate or professional student looking for conference, research or training funding, visit gso.iupui.edu to learn more about the EEG. The application deadline is **Wednesday, March 31**.

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Your suggestions sought

Don't forget to submit suggestions for improving processes and save money at IUSM through the Employee Suggestion Program launched last fall. Big or small, these suggestions could add up to significant improvements.

Share your ideas today. Simply visit www.medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram to learn more about the Employee Suggestion Program.

Stiffler named executive director of IU CoE in Women's Health

Deborah Stiffler, PhD, RN, has been named executive director of the Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, a multidisciplinary program of IUSM to address issues of women's health.

In this role, Dr. Stiffler will lead the operational and strategic efforts of the IU CoE and will work with an extensive network of advisory committees to improve the health of Indiana's women and make the state a positive leader of women's health in the nation.

Dr. Stiffler brings to the IU CoE over 27 years of nursing care for women of all ages and socio-demographic backgrounds. Since 2000, Dr. Stiffler has served the IU School of Nursing in various capacities and is currently an assistant professor of nursing. Since 2004, she has served as coordinator for the women's health nurse practitioner major at the IU School of Nursing where she will continue to teach on a limited basis.

In addition to serving as a nurse educator, Dr. Stiffler has contributed to the women's health profession by practicing a multi-disciplinary approach to care as a certified nurse-midwife, integrating social work, pharmacy, radiology, physical therapy, cyto-pathology, genetic counseling and much more into the clinical setting. In addition to her clinical experience, Dr. Stiffler has an extensive library of award-winning published research surrounding women's health issues.

Dr. Stiffler received her doctorate in nursing from Indiana University, her master of science in nursing from the University of Kentucky, and her undergraduate nursing degree from Purdue University.

For more information on the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health go to obgyn.medicine.iu.edu/womenshealth.

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Honors

Alon Harris, PhD, director of the Glaucoma Research and Diagnostic Center at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute, has been named one of 252 members of the Association for Vision Research Fellows Class of 2010. Dr. Harris was named a Silver Fellow. The ARVO Fellow was established to recognize current ARVO members for their individual accomplishments, leadership and contributions to the association.

Debomoy Lahiri, PhD, professor of neurobiology in the departments of psychiatry and medical and molecular medicine, has delivered an invited lecture at the Second International Conference on Drug Discovery and Therapy held in Dubai, UAE Feb 1-4. His presentation was entitled "Current Pharmacogenomics and Epigenetic Studies in Neuropsychiatric Disorders." Dr. Lahiri has also chaired and moderated the session of "Application of Nitric Oxide Research to Drug Development and Disease Therapy," delivered by Ferid Murad, who is a co-winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Dr. Lahiri is a member of the Stark Neurosciences Research Institute and the IU Institute of Psychiatric Research.

Dan Meldrum, MD, associate professor of surgery, was elected president of the Society of University Surgeons (SUS). Established in 1938, the SUS is devoted to advancing the art and science of surgery. Harris B. Shumacker Jr., MD (chair of surgery at IU from 1948-1968) was the first and only IU faculty to serve as president of the SUS (1951). Dr. Keith Lillemoe, the current chair of surgery at IUSM, served as the SUS president in 1997 while on faculty at Johns Hopkins.

The American Nurses Association has honored **Riley Hospital for Children** with a national award for outstanding nursing quality – the 2009 National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality in the pediatric hospital category. The award was presented at the ANA conference in New Orleans Jan. 21. The award recognizes Riley for consistently yielding outstanding patient outcomes that are tied directly to the high quality of nursing care at the hospital, according to the ANA. Riley Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Marilyn Cox accepted the award.

The Society for Adolescent Medicine has named **Gregory D. Zimet, PhD**, the 2011 Iris F. Litt Visiting Professor in Adolescent Health Research. Dr. Zimet is professor of pediatrics and clinical psychology, a faculty member in the IU Simon Cancer Center and holds an appointment as adjunct professor in the Department of Family Health at IU School of Nursing. Dr. Zimet's expertise is in the study of attitudes about, and acceptance of, new biomedical technologies for the prevention and diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections.

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At Your Fingertips

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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