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The winners of the 2011 Research Frontiers Trailblazer Awards at Friday's (April 8, 2011) IUPUI Research Day garnered honors for research on Afro-Brazilian religious practices, the biology of ovarian cancer, and the metabolism and reparative ability of bone.

Associate Professor of Religious Studies Kelly Hayes, Associate Professor of Medicine Daniela Matei, and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Stuart Warden each received a \$1,000 cash prize to support their research. Established in 2010, the Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award recognizes IUPUI faculty who are showing great promise in advancing knowledge in their fields.

Dr. Hayes studies Macumba, a religion practiced among Brazil's poor and working class. Her first book, *Holy Harlots: Femininity, Sexuality, and Black Magic in Brazil* already has those in her field hailing it as an instant classic that is sure to shape the path of inquiry in the field of religious studies for years to come.

Dr. Matei is making remarkable discoveries in ovarian cancer research and the development of new targeted therapies for treatment, in part by analyzing the signaling pathways that control cancer progression. The function of tissue transglutaminase, a protein that regulates ovarian cancer metastasis, was discovered in her lab.


Dr. Warden has made considerable contributions in the area of musculoskeletal research. His current work is revealing the skeletal effects of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and demonstrating the lifelong skeletal benefits of exercise.

My congratulations to these outstanding faculty researchers! For more information on research funding opportunities, see <http://research.iupui.edu/>.

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