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Rescorla and Thurston receive IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards

The 2007 IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards were presented to Fred Rescorla, MD, Lafayette L. Page Professor and director, Section of Pediatric Surgery, and Virginia Thurston, PhD, clinical associate professor of medical and molecular genetics and assistant director of the Cytogenetics Laboratories.

The awards are given in recognition of demonstrated excellence in teaching and were presented at the May 22 Spring Faculty Meeting. For more information regarding the IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards, visit meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/FTAC2007.htm.

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IRB streamlining procedures set

The Institutional Review Board chairs, vice chairs and staff met with key clinical investigators on April 20, to discuss how to improve service to the IUPUI/Clarian clinical research community. The meeting was productive and resulted in an enhancement of the IRB review process that is designed to reduce the number of proposals that are provisionally approved or tabled for reasons not clearly related to subject safety.

The new policy is that all clinical investigators will be informed of the date and time that their IRB proposals are being reviewed by the convened IRB and will be encouraged to be available, via telephone, to answer questions from the IRB reviewers that may arise during the review of their proposal.

Investigators now are asked to provide telephone contact information on the Documentation of Review and Approval page of the electronic submission. It is highly recommended that the study PI be available via telephone during the review but, if that is not possible, a substitute should be carefully selected and a telephone number provided on the DRA page. If telephone numbers are not provided, the IRB will not be able to provide investigators with the opportunity to respond during the review of your proposal.

The IRB is interested in improving service and we will be contacting all clinical investigators who have submitted IRB proposals at the end of a 6 month period to determine the level of satisfaction with this IRB enhancement .

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‘Celebration of Life’ to be May 29 and 30

Health care professionals, cancer patients and their loved ones will be celebrating life May 29 and 30 at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. The “Celebration of Life” two-day event honors patients and families who know the pain of cancer.

Hosted by the cancer center's CompleteLife program, the celebration includes a health fair on both days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Performances by local musicians also will be part of the event each day.

Bruce Hetrick, chairman and CEO of Hetrick Communications, Inc., cancer survivor and honorary chair of 2007 Celebration of Life, will deliver the event’s keynote address at noon May 30 to be followed by a cancer-survivors panel discussion. At 5 p.m., the Torchbearer Awards Ceremony, a celebration for everyone touched by cancer – patients, families, friends, and the caregiver team, will begin. That ceremony will feature the inaugural performance of the cancer center's Cancer Survivors Choir. The choir is conducted by Chris Ludwa, conductor of the Indianapolis Arts Chorale.

All events will be in the lobby of the Indiana Cancer Pavilion. For more information about Celebration of Life and the Torchbearer Awards Ceremony or to RSVP for Wednesday’s events, visit www.cancer.iu.edu/ncsd, or call 888-600-4822.

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Kenyan HIV activist to speak May 30

Kenyan clinic worker and HIV/TB activist Lucy Chesire will speak from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the IUSM Department of Public Health, 714 N. Senate Ave.

Chesire is a native Kenyan who works as a clinical nutritionist in Eldoret. She was diagnosed with HIV in 1992 and, in 1997, became the first Kenyan female health professional to publicly acknowledge having the disease. She is a key figure in the HIV-TB activist community.

She will discuss her experiences, the link with TB and HIV/AIDS, and about the need to provide education and funding to help fight these disease.

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

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Dean Brater to host Conversations at Tea Time

IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, IU vice president for life sciences, will host Conversations at Tea Time Wednesday, May 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the IUPUI Faculty Club in the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

Afternoon tea, with light refreshments, will be complimentary. Other libations, such as wine or sherry, will be available for purchase. RSVP to Robin at 274-7014, or facclub@iupui.edu.

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Postdocs, graduate students invited to career development event

“Careers in Government,” a discussion and workshop with leaders from the NIH and the state of Indiana, will focus on careers in science policy, grant management and other areas. The workshop will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, in Emerson Hall auditorium. All are welcome. For more information, contact the IUSM Graduate Division at 274-3441.

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Daly to speak at Indiana Historical Society

Walter J. Daly, M.D., dean emeritus at IUSM, will speak at the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St., at noon Wednesday, June 6, on “Milk Sickness in the Pioneer Midwest.” This free presentation will describe the illness that killed Abraham Lincoln’s mother. This seminar is a joint presentation of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Medical History Museum.

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IU law school conference on health and disability

The fifth annual Conference on Health, Disability and the Law will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 8, at the Hall Center for Law and Health at the IU School of Law – Indianapolis. The title of this year’s seminar is “From Policy to the Classroom: Practical Strategies for Behavior Management and Compliance Issues.”

The deadline for registering is Thursday, May 31, which can be done by calling 274-0455, or emailing hamccabe@iupui.edu.

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Australian expert in pediatric epidemiology and bioethics to speak

Dr. Fiona Stanley, director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Perth, Western Australia, will be the first Audrey Pratt Visiting Lecturer in Pediatric Bioethics, and will be coming to IUSM June 13-15 to give lectures and meet with faculty and students.

Dr. Stanley is an internationally respected expert in pediatric epidemiology, health services research and ethics who was recognized as Australian of the Year in 2003 for her distinguished career. She is a guest of the IU Center for Bioethics and the Department of Pediatrics.

She will be giving pediatric grand rounds from 8 to 9 a.m., Wednesday June 13, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium, and she will present a lecture as part of the Center for Bioethics program in Predictive Health Ethics Research (PredictER) from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the Health Information and Translational Sciences building.

All lecturers are free and open to the university community. For more information, contact Cathie McGlynn in the Center for Bioethics at cmcglynn@iupui.edu.

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Clinical ethics fellowship deadline June 1

The Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics at Clarian Health Partners sponsors a part-time, 10-month clinical ethics fellowship. The primary goal of the fellowship is to enhance the ethical environment of the Clarian community by improving the ethical skills and capacities of professional staff.

Eligible applicants include physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers and other staff employed in Clarian hospitals. Others may apply by special arrangement.

Contact Patty Bledsoe at 962-9260, or pbledsoe@clarian.org, for application materials or additional information.

The application deadline is **Friday, June 1**.

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Grant writing training in June

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop will be at Ohio State University - Columbus, June 18 - 20. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register by calling 888-824-4424, or at <http://www.thegrantinstitute.com/>. All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute.

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Wishard annual golf outing

The 17th annual golf outing for the Wishard Memorial Foundation will be Thursday, July 26, at the Country Club of Indianapolis, 2801 Country Club Road. Sponsorships are available. For additional information, contact Chris Johnston at the foundation offices at 630-6451, or Christine.johnston@wishard.edu.

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Outrun the Sun on June 2

The 2007 Outrun the Sun third annual event will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 2, on the IUPUI campus. It includes a 5-Mile run, 5K run/walk, or a 1-Mile fun walk through the streets of downtown Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Canal Walk. Post-race activities include live music, food, and kids' runs.

The mission of Outrun the Sun, Inc. is to increase awareness of the risk factors for melanoma and other skin cancers and to raise funds for medical research leading to treatments and a cure.

For more information, see <http://www.outrunthesun.org/>.

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Honors

Cindi Hart, RN, a clinical informatics specialist at Regenstrief Institute, will be honored with the 2007 Reverend Charles Williams Award at the annual Pathfinder Awards Banquet in June recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through direct service to youth in the Indianapolis community. Hart, a breast cancer survivor and athlete, coaches the IndySpeed speedskating program, U.S. Speedskating and the for the Special Olympics.

Christopher McDougle, MD, chair of the IUSM Department of Psychiatry, has selected as a recipient of the Annual Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents by the American Psychiatric Association and its Council on Medical Education and Lifelong Learning. The award was presented May 20 at the APA Annual Meeting.

Robert Saywell Jr., PhD, MPH, emeritus professor, Department of Family Medicine, was honored by the Indiana Public Health Association with their Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in public health for at least 10 years and who has displayed leadership and impacted the careers and accomplishments of others in the field of public health.

John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research was presented to **William Tierney**, MD, during the Society of General Internal Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting in April. Dr. Tierney, a Chancellor's Professor in the IUSM Department of Medicine and a senior investigator at Regenstrief Institute, was honored as a senior SGIM member whose innovative research has changed the

way patients care for, research is conducted, or the way students are educated.

Meijing Wang, MD, MS, assistant scientist, Section of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, was appointed to the editorial board of the scientific journal *SHOCK: Injury, Inflammation and Sepsis*. The journal is published monthly.

David Wilkes, MD, has been awarded the 2007 Association of Professors of Medicine Diversity Award. The award recognizes individual meritorious achievement in improving diversity at a medical school. Dr. Wilkes is director of the IUSM Center for Immunobiology and a professor of medicine, microbiology and immunology, and biochemistry and molecular biology. The national honor was presented at the 2007 Association of Professors of Medicine Winter Meeting.

Terrell Zollinger, DrPH, professor at the IUSM Department of Family Medicine and associate director of the Bowen Research Center, received a 2007 Commemorative Award from the Minority Health Coalition of Marion County. The award recognizes his commitment to the ongoing research to eliminate health disparities.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 27, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-host for this week's program is Ora Pescovitz, MD.

This week, *Sound Medicine* reporter Sharon Alseth will discuss her observations of a teenager who suffers from narcolepsy and his difficulty in performing daily tasks. Deborah Givan, MD, professor of pediatrics and a sleep expert at Riley Hospital for Children, explains how narcolepsy affects children.

Preterm birth is believed to cause 34 percent of all infant deaths in the U.S. and can cause long-term health problems. Research suggests the steady rise over the past decade may be attributed to pesticides and other substances known as endocrine disruptors. Paul Winchester, MD, professor of clinical pediatrics at IUSM and expert in pediatric neonatology at the Riley Hospital for Children, discusses his research.

Francis Price, MD, is an ophthalmologist and CEO of Price Vision Group in Indianapolis. He will talk about the recent increase of eye infections in patients wearing contact lenses.

Restless Leg Syndrome is often described as uncontrollable urges to move limbs in order to stop uncomfortable pain, most commonly in the legs. *National Public Radio* reporter David Kestenbarum suffers from RLS and shares his personal story of agony and frustration from a feeling difficult to describe in words.

A new report published in the journal *Pediatrics* urges physicians and parents to think about homesickness as a common but highly treatable and preventable phenomenon. It includes tips and guidelines for parents to prevent the effects of homesickness when children attend school or summer camps. Ed Walton, MD, assistant professor in the departments of emergency medicine and pediatrics at the University of Michigan Medical School, who co-authored the study with an old friend from summer camp, explains why this is important to parents and children.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>.

Sound Medicine is underwritten by the Lilly Research Clinic, 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

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at cme.medicine.iu.edu.

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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 Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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- 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

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- 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)

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