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› Abstracts sought for Cancer Research Day

The IU Simon Cancer Center is accepting abstracts for posters to be presented at Cancer Research Day on Wednesday, May 6.

Abstracts should be submitted for basic science, translational/clinical, or population science/epidemiology categories. Individual laboratories may submit multiple abstracts; if space becomes limited, each laboratory will be asked to identify representative posters.

Cash awards for best posters by graduate students and by post-doctoral/medical fellows in all three research categories will be selected by a review board.

Please submit all abstracts to IUSCCCRD@iupui.edu by **Friday, April 17**. Access the abstract form, view the tentative agenda, and more at www.cancer.iu.edu/crd.

Students, fellows, and faculty conducting cancer research at IUPUI, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University, and the Walther Cancer Research Center at the University of Notre Dame are eligible to present their current cancer research efforts at the event.

Cancer Research Day encourages collaboration among the cancer research institutions in the state.

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› **Search opens for assistant dean and director, IUSM-Evansville**

Indiana University School of Medicine seeks an outstanding and committed medical educator and administrator to serve as assistant dean of the School of Medicine and director of the IUSM-Evansville, a tenure-track position at the level of professor or associate professor. Located on the campus of the University of Southern Indiana, the Center is one of eight which provides the first- and second-year medical curriculum as part of the Indiana University Statewide System of Medical Education.

Candidates must possess an MD and/or PhD, or the equivalent and have a keen interest and expertise in medical student education and administration, as well as be knowledgeable in scientific research and with an aptitude for community involvement.

Please address all nominations and applications for this position to Rudolph Navari, MD, PhD, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1120 South Drive, Fesler Hall 318, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. [IUSM - Evansville home page](#)

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› **Staff Council nominations**

Each year, IUPUI staff are asked to nominate, and then vote, for persons to serve their academic unit or responsibility center on the IUPUI Staff Council. The "Medicine" unit is eligible to elect 33 members this year to serve on the Staff Council.

To nominate individuals to serve on the Council for the next two years go to www.formdesk.com/iupui/Medicine. The deadline is **Friday, April 10**.

Below is information you should keep in mind as you nominate someone:

- Representatives elected this Spring will serve July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.
- You are welcome and encouraged to nominate yourself.
- All nominees will be contacted by the Staff Council office before they are placed on the ballot to ensure they are willing to run for election.
- The election will be held on April 13-30. You will receive an email with a link to the ballot on April 13.
- Those elected will be asked (but not required) to attend the Staff Council Retreat (date not known at this time, but usually during the summer).

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› **Faculty promotion information**

Faculty promotion dossier materials for promotions effective July 1, 2010, are available on the web at medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=274&oTopID=274. Dossiers will be due in the Dean's Office (Academic Administration) no later than **Friday, July 10**.

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› **Training run to impact IUPUI traffic**

The 500 Festival will hold a 15K training run Saturday, April 4, at 8 a.m. to help people train for the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon. They are expecting 3,000 participants for the event. Set up begins at 5a.m. Streets around IUPUI will be included in the run.

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› **World Day for Physical Activity**

NIFS is partnering with ACSM for World Day for Physical Activity on Monday, April 6. Free all day guest passes will be available at NIFS.

For information on the events, see www.nifs.org/world_day.

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› **Global Health Week events**

The Global Health Student Interest Group is planning Global Health Week 2009. Plans include:

Monday, April 6: *Sustainability in Global Health Partnerships* - Emerson Hall, room 304

Tuesday, April 7: *Neglected Tropical Diseases* - Emerson Hall, room 304

Wednesday, April 8: *Medical School International Clerkships, Electives, and Short-Term Programs* - Medical Science Building, room 311 A/B

Thursday, April 9: *Incorporating Global Health Into Your Career* - Medical Science Building, room 326

All lunch-talks start at noon and lunch will be provided. Representatives from the Kenyan Imani Workshops will display products created by Kenyans undergoing anti-retroviral therapy. Questions? Contact cdugdale@iupui.edu or go to www.iupui.edu/~ghsig.

On April 9, the IUPUI Hunger Banquet will focus on global hunger and raising funds for the IU-Kenya Partnership. The banquet will be at 7 p.m. in Taylor Hall, room 115. Guests at the banquet will be randomly assigned seating representing high-, middle-, and low-income (warning: food quantity may be insufficiently filling depending on the income bracket to which you are assigned). The evening will include cultural entertainment and a keynote address by Jim Morris, former director of the World Food Program. The banquet is hosted by the IUPUI Global Health Student Interest Group. For more information contact Brendan Sweeny (bsweeny@iupui.edu).

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› **Primary care policy expert to speak at Family Medicine programs**

Internationally known primary care physician, health services researcher and author Barbara Starfield, MD, MPH, will speak at IUSM Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9, as a guest of the IUSM Department of Family Medicine.

On April 8, Dr. Starfield will present "Primary Care: The Imperative for Health Care Reform" during the Family Medicine Grand Rounds from noon to 1 p.m. in the IU School of Nursing Building auditorium. In this talk, Dr. Starfield will present evidence indicating that countries oriented to primary care achieve better health at lower costs and with greater equity. All members of the IUSM and IUPUI community are invited to attend.

On April 9, she will speak with the Family Medicine Student Interest Group and other interested students in an open conversation from noon to 1 p.m. in the VanNuys Medical Science Building Daly Center, room 185. Lunch will be provided.

Dr. Starfield is a University Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Health Policy and Management and Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University Schools of Public Health and Medicine. She is the author of *Primary Care: Concept, Evaluation, and Policy* and *Primary Care: Balancing Health Needs, Services, and Technology*, which are recognized as seminal works in the field. Dr. Starfield is a member of the Institute of Medicine, and is a leading source of evidence that primary care produces better health outcomes, lowers overall costs and creates greater equity in health in the population. Her university webpage is at faculty.jhsph.edu/?faculty_id=667.

For additional information about the presentations, contact Mary Dankoski, PhD, assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development at IUSM, and assistant chair for academic affairs, Department of Family Medicine, at mdankosk@iupui.edu.

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› **Scholarship at Lunch Time**

"Artists Look at Science: The Strange and Beautiful" will be the topic of the University Faculty Club of Indianapolis's Scholarship at Lunch Time program on Thursday, April 9, from noon to 1 p.m. Presenting will be Jean Robertson and Craig McDaniel from the Herron School of Art and Design.

Questions about the SALT program can be answered by Dominique M. Galli at dgalli@iupui.edu. The complete SALT schedule for 2008/09 can be found at faa.iupui.edu/newsFaa/SALT.asp. For reservations, contact Stephanie in the University Faculty Club.

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› **Einterz to deliver 'Last Lecture'**

Robert Einterz, MD, associate dean for international programs and professor of clinical medicine at IUSM, will deliver the "Last Lecture" at 3 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the auditorium of the University Place Conference Center, preceding the Chancellor's Honors Convocation.

The Last Lecture offers the university community the opportunity to hear reflections on life's lessons and meaning from a retired or current IUPUI colleague of exceptional merit. The lecturer will be asked to share with students, staff, faculty and the general public the wisdom she or he gained through academic pursuits and life experiences – to distill a life of inquiry, reflection and service into important guidance for successive generations.

Einterz will draw upon his experiences in Indianapolis and Kenya to tell stories to illustrate many of the important lessons he has learned.

Einterz is co-founder of the Indiana University-Moi University (Kenya) exchange program that led to the creation of AMPATH (the Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS). AMPATH currently provides for more than 55,000 HIV-infected patients in Kenya and has reduced the rate of HIV infection significantly in that country by providing medical treatment and addressing the poverty that fuels the spread of the deadly virus.

The event is sponsored by the IUPUI Senior Academy, the offices of the Chancellor and the Dean of Faculties, IU Foundation, and 40th Anniversary. Einterz will receive a \$2,000 honorarium from the IU Foundation and a Bepko Medallion awarded to him by the Senior Academy.

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› **Robert A. Harris Symposium – April 17**

The Robert A. Harris Symposium: Metabolism and Disease will be Friday, April 17, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Emerson Hall auditorium.

The scientific symposium is in honor of the Dr. Harris, Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Showalter Professor Emeritus, who served as chair of the IUSM Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from 1988 until 2004.

Speakers will include David W. Crabb, MD, chair of the Department of Medicine; Kirill M. Popov, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the University of Alabama, Birmingham; Yoshiharu Shimomura, PhD, professor at Nagoya University; Bei Betty Zhang, PhD, Merck and Co.; and Ora Pescovitz, MD, IUSM executive associate dean for research affairs and president and CEO of Riley Hospital.

Also speaking will be IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, and Zhong-Yin Zhang, PhD, chair and Robert A. Harris Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The program will be moderated by Anna DePaoli-Roach, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Registration is not required. A reception will follow in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium.

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› **Felitti to speak at Medicine Grand Rounds**

The IU Family Violence Institute will host Vincent J. Felitti, MD, at the Medicine Grand Rounds on Friday, April 24. The lecture will be at noon in the Myers Auditorium, Wishard Hospital.

Dr. Felitti will discuss the ACE Study (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and its relevance to the everyday practice of medicine and

mental health and the importance of prevention.

Dr. Felitti is a clinical professor at the University of California-San Diego. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School and a physician in the Department of Preventive Medicine, Southern California Permanente Medical Group. He founded the Department of Preventive Medicine for Kaiser Permanente in San Diego, Calif., 28 years ago, and served as chief of preventive medicine until 2001.

For additional information, contact Shirley Ernest at 274-2754 or sernest@iupui.edu.

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› **Autism Awareness Fair for health care professionals**

Autism spectrum disorders information will be provided, including a list of available services and organizations, will be the focus during the Autism Awareness Fair for medical professionals Friday, April 24. Also provided will be information on issues related to adolescence and adulthood, answers about medications and other questions will be answered by psychiatrists from the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center.

The fair will be in the Riley Outpatient Center – Ruth Lilly Learning Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is an open-house style event – stop by any time. It is appropriate for physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners, SLPs and OTs, medical assistants and any other hospital staff who interact with individuals on the autism spectrum.

For questions, contact hands@iupui.edu or 278-7839.

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› **IUPUI Research Day**

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, as part of the IUPUI year-long 40th anniversary celebration, will host a celebration of IUPUI's diverse and innovative research and scholarly activities portfolio at the IUPUI Research Day on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Highlights of this event include a keynote presentation by Nobel Laureate Dr. Leon Lederman, a series of faculty oral and poster presentations, and student poster presentations and roundtable discussions. For more details, visit the website below.

For more information, see research.iupui.edu/events/researchday2009/index.html.

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› **Pharmacotherapy in pregnancy conference**

The Second International Conference for Individualized Pharmacotherapy in Pregnancy will be Wednesday, May 20, and Thursday, May 21, at the IUPUI Campus Center. For information on the agenda or to register, see cme.medicine.iu.edu/iucme/courses.asp. The registration deadline is **Tuesday, April 21**.

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› **Vaccines and autism topic of June conference at IUPUI**

Paul Offit, MD, will be the keynote speaker at the seventh annual Conference on Health, Disability and the Law. The June 12 conference is hosted by the Riley Child Development Center and the IU School of Law. This year's topic will be autism and early childhood vaccines.

Dr. Offit is a pediatric infectious diseases specialist. He is an internationally known expert on vaccines, immunology and virology, and is a professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, and director of the Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Offit is also the author of the controversial book *Autism's False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for the Cure*.

While current thinking about potential causes for autism suggests an environmental component in conjunction with genetic links, carefully controlled studies have disproved a link between autism and childhood vaccines. This conference will provide a reasoned

presentation on the issues surrounding vaccination.

For additional information, call 274-8167 or email Patricia Hanneman at pahannem@iupui.edu. Information on the conference will be posted in the near future on the center's website at www.child-dev.com/.

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› Commencement cap and gown orders

It's not too late to get your cap and gown for Commencement. Caps and gowns for the 2009 IUPUI Commencement ceremonies will be available for pick up in Room 405 of the IUPUI Campus Center, Tuesday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students who did not place an order for apparel may rent extra caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels on a first-come, first-served basis during distribution.

See: <http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/commencement>

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› IUSM fourth-year riding across U.S. in Ride for World Health

Ben Meyer, MS4, is cycling across the United States as a member of a group of medical professionals on a Ride for World Health team to raise money for two grassroots world health organizations, Esperanca and Village Health Works.

Meyer and his team are cycling from San Diego to Washington D.C. in April and May, riding 3,700 miles, to raise awareness of current public health issues and to generate funds for the two groups. His goal is to raise \$2,500 in donations. Those interested in supporting this non-profit organization with a tax deductible donation may contact Meyer at meyerbj@gmail.com or by mail at 656 Masten Street, Plainfield, IN 46168.

To follow his progress on the ride see www.rideforworldhealth.org.

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› Rock for Riley

The fifth annual Rock for Riley concert will feature the Avett Brothers at The Vogue in Broad Ripple on Thursday, April 16. The IUSM student volunteer effort raises money for Riley Hospital. Tickets for this year's event are \$25 and all the proceeds go directly to Riley.

Since its inception four years ago, Rock for Riley has raised more than \$560,000. Donations have helped fund the ambitious Phase V expansion at Riley which will make it one of the largest and best equipped children's hospital in the country. Founded and run entirely by students, Rock for Riley is driven by the generous support of the community.

Admission to this rockin' good time is \$25. More information on national talent performing can be found at the band's website at www.theavettbrothers.com. Following their stop in Indy, the Avett Brothers will be touring this spring with Dave Matthews Band.

For additional information on Rock for Riley, see visit www.RockforRiley.org. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the concert or in advance by contacting anyone on the Rock for Riley team. First- and second-year IUSM students also will be selling tickets in the Daly Center near the mailboxes from noon to 1 p.m. beginning next week. Student tickets purchased in advance are \$20.

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› Public Health Student Council sponsors food drive

The economy is tough. There are more jobless now than there have been in decades...more who are hungry or – even worse - watching their children go hungry. In fact, there are over 200,000 people living in poverty right here in Central Indiana (Gleaners, 2009). Since 1980, [Gleaners Food Bank](#) has worked hard to assure that those people have food on their plates. They cannot do that without the help of others though, and now is YOUR time to help!

The IUSM Department of Public Health Student Council is sponsoring a food drive with all collected items going to Gleaners. The food drive will take place during the IPHA conference week on the IUPUI campus.

Beginning the evening of Monday, April 6, look for the Ray's Trash Service cardboard containers in which to place your donations. They will be located within the department of public health (2nd floor of the EF building), and throughout the fourth floor of the new campus center (CE) building. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted until the morning of April 9.

The IUSM Office of Public Health Practice (formerly MAPHTC) is supportive of this cause and, in fact, is offering a free training DVD (on program planning and evaluation for public health professionals) to anyone donating five or more non-perishable food items. If you wish to receive this DVD bring your donations to the conference registration table.

Questions regarding the food drive: contact Tammie Nelson at talnelso@iupui.edu.

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› **Grant Scholars Program application information**

The William T. Grant Scholars Program sponsored by the William T. Grant Foundation, supports the professional development of early-career researchers from diverse disciplines, who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and who are seeking to further develop their skills and research. The grants provide support of \$70,000 per year for five years, totaling \$350,000 per applicant.

For complete guidelines, see www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646415.

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› **Women in Medicine award nominations, posters sought**

The AAMC Women in Medicine committee seeks nominations for the annual Women in Medicine Leadership Award and the Women in Medicine Call for Posters for its annual meeting.

The WIM Leadership Awards recognize individual and organizational contributions to advancing women leaders in academic medicine. Any member of the academic medicine community may nominate one individual and/or organization for the award.

The 2009 theme for the Call for Women in Medicine Posters is "Celebrating Women in Medicine and Science: Future Directions." The deadline for submissions for both the award and poster is **Thursday, May 21**.

Information: www.aamc.org/members/wim/award.htm or www.aamc.org/members/wim/callforposters.htm

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› **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 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 week, Lori Crane, PhD, chair of the Division of Community and Behavioral Science of the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado, Denver, will discuss new research links between children who take beach vacations and the development of skin cancer later in life.

Peter Finn, PhD, professor of psychological and brain sciences at Indiana University, will discuss a new study of the associations of alcohol dependency and the brain's decision making ability.

Jan Chozen Bays, MD, a pediatrician and Zen master, will discuss her latest book, *Mindful Eating: A Guide to Rediscovering a Healthy and Joyful Relationship with Food*, which provides a series of guided exercises and meditations used to examine and improve one's relationship with food.

Sound Medicine bioethicist, Eric Meslin, PhD, will be joined by fellow bioethicist Margaret Gaffney, MD, associate clinic professor of internal medicine and geriatrics at the IU School of Medicine, to discuss the implications of the suspension of "conscience rule" for medical professionals.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, Ph.D., will explore warm up exercises for surgeons which may result in

80 percent less surgical errors.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine, as well as other helpful information, including when and where the program airs around the state, can be found at 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. 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.

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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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