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› IUSM initiative to lengthen the tenure clock

The tenure system at IU has remained largely the same since it was first adopted in 1943. Since then, however, academic medicine has changed dramatically; nearly half of all medical schools in the U.S. now have tenure clocks longer than seven years.

The IUSM has begun an initiative to lengthen the tenure clock from seven to 10 years. Under such a system, tenure would still be granted to faculty members who warrant it at the seven-year mark, yet all tenure-eligible faculty members would have a maximum 10 year probationary period.

Flexibility is a key benefit to this proposed policy, allowing faculty members more time and more choice regarding when to submit their dossier. This proposal was originally developed by the Basic Science Council and has been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. The Dean's Office for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development has drafted a white paper on the subject available at www.faculty.medicine.iu.edu.

The Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development is interested in obtaining the opinion of all tenure-track faculty at IUSM. Please review the white paper and watch for your chance to express your opinion on the upcoming faculty ballot.

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› Nominations sought for Beering Award, Mark Brothers Lecture

Nominations are being sought for the 2009 Steven C. Beering Award and the Mark Brothers of South Bend Lecture.

The IUSM Beering Award honors an internationally recognized individual for outstanding research contributions to the advancement of biomedical or clinical science. The award is presented annually and consists of a prize of \$25,000. The recipient is asked to present one major lecture to the medical community at the time the award is bestowed and to spend about three days at IUSM delivering one or two additional lectures to smaller groups.

Dr. and Mrs. Guey C. Mark created the endowed Mark Brothers Lectureship to recognize nationally and internationally renowned medical scientists of Asian descent. The recipient is asked to present two lectures, one clinical and one research, to the medical community, and to spend about two days on campus, during which one or two additional lectures to smaller groups are planned. The recipient will receive a plaque and a check in the amount of \$4,000.

Nominations should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishment(s) of the nominee, importance to biomedical or clinical science, and information on why he/she is deserving of this honor. Also include a curriculum vitae and a list of key publications.

Suggestions are appreciated. Send information no later than **Friday, Feb. 13**, to the attention of Iona Sewell, IUSM Dean's Office, 340 West 10th Street, Fairbanks Hall 6200, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3082.

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› 2009 IUSM Trustee Teaching Awards call for nominations

Each year the IU board of trustees recognizes excellence in teaching through a program known as the Trustee Teaching Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award receive a \$2,500 bonus, have their names displayed on a plaque, and are recognized at award ceremonies at IUSM and at IUPUI, including the medical school commencement in May.

Students, residents, fellows and faculty are needed to identify IUSM's best teachers. Please submit the names of nominees to meca.iusm.iu.edu/tan/TTA.aspx by **Friday, Feb. 6**. Nominations should include the nominee's name and department and the university status (student, resident, fellow or faculty) of the nominator.

Excellence in teaching is the primary factor for selection. About 46 outstanding IUSM teachers will receive the award this year. Tenured and tenure-track faculty and librarians engaged in teaching are eligible, as are full-time clinical faculty and full-time lecturers whose primary duties are teaching, including faculty at IUSM who may be located at regional medical education centers or be paid by institutions other than Indiana University (e.g., Clarian, Wishard, VA, IUMG-PC).

Award recipients must have demonstrated a sustained level of teaching excellence in the form of documented student learning and must have completed at least three years of service at IUPUI to be eligible (appointed on or before 7/1/05).

Information regarding the award is available at meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/TTA.htm.

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› Indiana ARC seeks proposals to expand research mission

The Indiana Alcohol Research Center conducts internationally acclaimed research on the genetics of alcohol abuse and alcoholism. As the ARC enters its 22nd year of continuous NIH funding, plans are underway to strengthen existing research programs and to move the center in new directions.

As part of the planning process, the IARC is soliciting research proposals that would either complement or strengthen existing areas of excellence in animal models; genomics, proteomics and molecular biology; developmental neurobiology; neuroscience and neuroimaging. The center funds several Cores, including the animal production core (for selectively bred mice and rats that voluntarily drink large amounts of alcohol) and a molecular biology and genomics core for genotyping, SNP analysis, microarray analysis of any tissue or blood sample, and confirmation of mRNA levels found to be differentially expressed. More information on the center is available at www.medicine.iupui.edu/IARC.

Proposals will be reviewed by the ARC director and co-directors for scientific merit and potential for future growth of the center. A subset of research proposals will be presented to the ARC Scientific Advisory Board for further analysis in February 2009, in preparation for selecting those that will be included in the competing renewal of the center.

Proposal submissions should include a two-page description of the proposed specific aims and rationale. An important aspect of the center grants is how well they can be integrated with the other center projects. Projects most likely to be included will take advantage of interactions with other parts of the center, such as the cores, and the other components, so please point out how the

project will fit into ARC's historical themes.

IAC is especially interested in work that can bridge animal and human genetics, medications development, tissue injury, community outreach and education, and projects that bring new techniques and approaches to the center, as well as new researchers into the group.

Most leaders of a project in the center should already have independent funding, such as an R01 or VA Merit review grant. Please append an NIH biosketch with the proposal and send it electronically by **Sunday, Jan. 25** to:

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Chairman, Department of Medicine
John B. Hickam Professor of Medicine
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› **Predocutorial training awards in translational research available**

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Research Institute seeks applicants for special predoctoral training awards in translational research. Translational research consists of either "T1 research" (interface of basic science to human studies) or "T2 research" (interface of human studies to the community). Funding is available for pre-doctoral graduate students. Criteria for application include:

- Successful completion of at least one year of predoctoral training (i.e., applicants must be in at least the second year of their predoctoral program when they apply)
- Co-mentorship by faculty investigators from at least two different disciplines (preferably a clinician and a nonclinician-scientist).
- Research that is translational in nature
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident status

Funding is for one year and is renewable for an additional year. Benefits include a full stipend as well as at least partial payment, if applicable, of health insurance, tuition and fees and access to travel funds.

Applications must be submitted by **Sunday, Feb. 15**, and awards will start by summer 2009.

Interested candidates should e-mail their CV to Colleen Gabauer, EdD, at cgabauer@purdue.edu (phone: 765-494-9256). Eligible candidates will be informed of how to proceed with the application.

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› **Young Investigator Awards in Translational Research**

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTSI) seeks applicants for special research fellowships in translational research. Translational research consists of either "T1 research" (interface of basic science to human studies) or "T2 research" (interface of human studies to the community). To be eligible, candidates must be:

- Clinician-scientists with a doctoral degree (physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, clinical psychologists, optometrists, veterinarians, allied health care professionals, etc.).
- US citizens or permanent residents
- Full-time junior faculty or research scientists who would be eligible to apply as principal investigator on an NIH grant or career development award but who have not to date been a principal investigator on an R01 or equivalent grant.
- Able to identify co-mentors who are faculty investigators from at least two different disciplines (preferably a clinician and a nonclinician-scientist).
- Planning to submit a grant for external funding (either a career development award or independent research grant) during the first 12 months of the award.

Postdoctoral clinical or research fellows are not eligible to apply unless their institution has arranged for them to have a full-time faculty or research scientist appointment by summer 2009.

Funding is for one year and is renewable for an additional year. Benefits include partial salary support as well as tuition and fees for coursework, ability to apply for CTSI pilot research monies, and travel funds to attend the national CTSI young investigator meeting.

Applications must be submitted by **Sunday, Feb. 15**, and awards will begin May 1.

Interested candidates should e-mail their CV to Donna Burgett at dburgett@regenstrief.org (phone: 317-630-7447). Eligible candidates will be informed how to proceed with the application.

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› **Audition for a role to end violence in V-Day event**

The Vagina Monologues isn't just an attention grabber. It's also a fundraiser. Come see how you can help us in the V-Day campaign, which uses performances of The Vagina Monologues to raise awareness and earn money to fight violence against women and girls. V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. Each year, V-Day events worldwide generate funds for local charities and for global causes.

This year's spotlight cause is the violence against the women of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Your participation doesn't require a stage performance. Backstage roles are available. Everyone is welcome-- women and men-- because we all need to come together to help bring an end to violence.

Practice and performance schedules are tentative at this point. Participation at about 60 percent of rehearsals and one of two dress rehearsals is required to perform. Men may be able to perform if there is enough interest.

Come to the lecture hall in Emerson Hall Sunday, Jan. 25, from 4:30-6 p.m. to be a part of this year's campaign. For more information, contact Elizabeth Eglan at eeglen@umail.iu.edu.

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› **Women's Health Noon Lecture**

The first IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health monthly noon lecture of the new year will be at noon Tuesday, Jan. 27, with Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, associate professor of pediatrics and medicine, discussing "Nutrition and Your Daughter: Eating Disorders and More."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Continuing education credit and a first-come-first-served lunch are provided in the auditorium of the IU Cancer Research Institute.

For the complete list of this year's lecture series, see www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt and click on "2008-09 Noon Lecture Series."

Questions? Contact Tina Darling, associate director, at 278-2264 or tdarling@iupui.edu

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› **Ethics and health IT challenges – Jan. 29**

Kenneth W. Goodman, PhD, co-director of the University of Miami's Ethics Programs, will present "Ethics and Health Information Technology: New Challenges in Clinical Care and Research In a Pharmacogenomic World" at the IU Center for Bioethics on Thursday, Jan. 29, from **noon to 1 p.m.** The center is located in the Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) building, 410 W. Tenth Street, room 1110.

Dr. Goodman is co-director of the University of Miami's Ethics Programs and founder and director of its Bioethics Program and Pan American Bioethics Initiative. The Ethics Programs have recently been designated a World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Ethics and Global Health Policy, one of four such centers in the world and the only one in the United States. He recently was elected a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics.

Support for Dr. Goodman's lecture is provided by the IU Center for Bioethics through the IU-Moi Academic Research Ethics

Partnership; the Bioethics and Subject Advocacy Program, Indiana CTSI; the Predictive Health Ethics Research Program (PredictER), and the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation

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› **Bioethics Journal Club – Feb. 4**

The next meeting of the Bioethics Journal Club will be Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics, HITS bldg, third floor.

Jason Eberl, PhD, will discuss the philosophical debate concerning the determination of death found in Chapter 4 of "Controversies of the Determination of Death," President's Council on Bioethics, page 49, December 2008. Dr. Eberl is an associate professor and graduate co-director in the IUPUI Department of Philosophy.

The article is posted in the Resources section of the BJC Oncourse project site. If you have questions, contact Robin Bandy at rjakers@iupui.edu. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

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

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› **Cutting Edge Lecture Series begins March 4**

IUPUI will again host the Cutting Edge Lecture Series. Leading IUPUI professors will engage the campus and community this spring in discussions about rapidly changing fields of inquiry in this on-campus lecture series. The speakers will share their expertise and insights regarding the applications of their current research with a particular emphasis on engaging non-specialists, including faculty, staff and students from schools across IUPUI.

All lectures will be in the University Library Lilly auditorium at 4:30 p.m. and are open to the general public. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

The speakers and topics:

March 4 – Hope & Optimism: the Effects of Beliefs about the Self and the World
Kevin Rand, Psychology

March 11 – Challenges for Sustaining and Improving Water Resources in Indiana
Lenore Tedesco, Earth Science

March 25 – What Are We Made Of? The Basic Structure of Matter
Uday Sukhatme, Academic Affairs and Physics

April 1 – Privacy Disruptions: What they Are and Why They Bother Us
Sandra Petronio, Communication Studies and TRIP

April 8 – Race, Space, Crime and the African American Entrepreneur
Bessie House-Soremekun, Political Science

For more information about the lecture series and the speakers, visit www.iupui.edu/administration/acad_affairs or email lriolo@iupui.edu.

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› **Health care, energy and the environment focus of program**

New York Times columnist David Brooks will lead a March 11 discussion of three topics that have converged to create significant challenges for companies -- health care, energy and the environment -- at a time of major economic crisis.

Brooks will join experts on health care, climate change and sustainability, and the chief executive officers of three progressive corporations at the 63rd annual Indiana University Business Conference in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center. "The 21st Century Perfect Storm: Health Care, Energy and the Environment" will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m.

Also participating will be Susan Dentzer, editor-in-chief of *Health Affairs*; Amory Lovins, founder, chairman and chief scientist at

the Rocky Mountain Institute; Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author; Michael A. Evans, president and CEO of AIT Laboratories; Douglas Lattner, chairman and CEO of Deloitte Consulting LLP; and Michael G. Rippey, president and CEO of ArcelorMittal USA.

The registration fee is \$150 by Tuesday, Feb. 24, and \$160 afterward. Table registrations are \$1,400 for 10 people or \$725 for five people and include all conference sessions with reserved seating at lunch. Information and registration are available at kelley.iu.edu/busconf or 812-855-6340.

Registrations can be mailed to Annual Business Conference, Kelley School of Business, 1275 E. 10th St., Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405-1703. Credit card registrations can be sent by fax to Conference Registrar, Kelley School of Business, 812-856-7018. Make checks payable to the IU Kelley School of Business Alumni Association.

For additional information, see newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/9628.html.

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› **English intonation class now offered Tuesday evenings**

The Department of Pediatrics at Riley Hospital is offering an evening class of American English Intonation: Effective Intercultural Communication. This course is for international medical students, residents, fellows, postdocs and faculty at IUSM and Clarian Health.

The program, made possible by support from a Clarian Values Grant, introduces a brand new format. Classes will last two hours, 5 to 7 p.m., for eight consecutive weeks, Feb. 3 through March 24. The instructor is a TESOL-certified IUPUI adjunct faculty.

Accents are welcomed as rich reflections of diversity in our workplace. The goal of this instruction is reduction, not elimination of the international accent, to make each participant's speech more comprehensible. This is accomplished by focusing on stress and intonation patterns of spoken English and developing personal strategies that contribute to improvement in communication.

The instructor performs the initial and final assessments of each participant's specific sound challenges with the help of audio and video recordings. Although a textbook and CDs are integral to the course, the participants spend a significant amount of time actively practicing and refining their English in the class.

For many professionals, this opportunity to engage in English in a more relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere can provide the confidence and determination to pursue more conversations – professional and personal – in American English.

The class begins Tuesday, Feb. 3, and continues weekly 5 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks. Location: Methodist Maternity, Candlelight Room A 3050 A.

To ensure individual attention, class size is limited. The registration fee is \$180 for eight classes; after Jan. 24 the fee is \$220. Textbooks and CDs are provided on site.

For more information and registration, contact:

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› **Online directory serves up phone numbers and more**

For individual and departmental contact information for all IU campuses, look no further than the Indiana University Faculty/Staff Directory, now available online at phonebook.iu.edu.

The site serves as a resource to find people, look up international dialing codes, and locate campus- and department-specific information. Advanced features include:

- Self-updates that are live within 24 hours
- Reverse look-up for phone numbers
- Interactive campus maps
- Links to Knowledge Base calling instructions

- Printing and PDF export options

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› **IU Fact Book on line**

The 2008-09 edition of the IU Fact Book is now available on-line. Paper copies will be distributed after the first of the year. To view the online edition, see www.indiana.edu/~upira/reports/standard/factbook/index.shtml.

An RSS feed is available for the website. Subscribe to this feed to receive notifications when new reports become available.

Visitors to the web site will notice its new look. The University Reporting and Research (URR) web site has been packaged as part of the University Planning, Institutional Research, and Accountability (UPIRA) site. The site is intended to be more convenient for locating reports and finding new resources. Comments are welcome as the web project continues to be expanded and refined.

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› **New look for IUSM web sites**

The [IUSM home page](#) and nearly 60 [IUSM sites](#), have a new, consistent look. The transformation occurred almost simultaneously Tuesday morning, thanks to the school's web content management system (CMS) and a shared template, about 60 departmental and center web sites received this revision.

Specifically, the new IUSM web sites have sleeker banners, more subtle colors, as well as headers and footers conforming to Indiana University's visual identity standard. Also, webmasters using the web CMS now enjoy the option of creating [Flash-based home pages](#) and [full-fledged photo galleries](#).

Not only is the centralized and automated site-design wonderfully efficient, the unified and professional-looking web presence helps recruit savvy students, faculty and residents.

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› **University Place offers valet parking**

Valet parking services are now available at University Place. Elite Management Services has joined the University Place team offering a wide range of solutions to fit all guest parking needs. Valet parking ranges from \$15 per day valet to \$20 for overnight valet. Guests of Chancellor's Restaurant and Our Den will receive a discounted \$7.50 per day rate.

For more information visit www.universityplace.iupui.edu.

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› **Original artwork sought for journal covers**

In July 2008, the journal Academic Medicine began featuring original works of art on each month's cover. This permanent feature, "AM Cover Art," has been overwhelmingly popular with readers, and the journal is announcing an open-ended call for new submissions.

Follow the link below to read details about the feature and to learn how to submit an original work. Submissions from anyone with an academic medicine experience to share are accepted.

For more information, see www.aamc.org/academicmedicine/callforcoverart.pdf

Questions about AM Cover Art, can be addressed to Mary Beth DeVilbiss, staff editor, Academic Medicine, at 202.828.0429, mbdevilbiss@aamc.org.

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› **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 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, a new study funded by the U.S. Department of Defense which seeks alternatives to drug treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder, will be discussed by James Gordon, MD, founder of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine.

Ann Zerr, MD, associate professor of clinical medicine at IUSM will debunk some common myths about vaccinations.

Reid Wilson, PhD, director of the Anxiety Disorders Treatment Program in Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C., and an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, will discuss his new book, *Don't Panic: Taking Control of Anxiety Attacks*.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup", Jeremy Shere defines the new term "cyberchondria"- self diagnosis of health issues from web searches.

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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