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### ► Initial Indiana CTSI collaboration grants announced

Twelve teams of Indiana scientists have been awarded the first grants from the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, awards meant to foster collaborative efforts to develop new medical treatments and services.

The teams, each of which received a \$75,000 CTSI Collaboration in Biomedical/Translational Research Pilot Program Grant, include researchers from Indiana and Purdue universities and the University of Notre Dame.

The grants are meant to help Indiana scientists conduct early-stage research projects that will lead to grant awards from external sources, such as the National Institutes of Health. In order to foster collaboration, each grant proposal had to include participation from scientists from two or more of the sponsoring academic campuses: IU School of Medicine, IUPUI, Purdue and Notre Dame.

The Indiana CTSI is a statewide collaboration of researchers and health care specialists in academia, business and government created to transform scientific discoveries into new medical treatments and services. The CTSI was formed in 2008 with a \$25 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The recipients and their research projects are:

- Brian M. Baker, PhD, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, Notre Dame, and Samy Meroueh, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, IU School of Medicine: "Development of a supraphysiological T cell receptor for the immunological treatment of melanoma."
- Monet Bowling, MD, assistant professor of surgery, IU School of Medicine, and Sulma Mohammed, associate professor of comparative pathobiology, Purdue: "Metastasis Biomarkers."
- James C. Clemens, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry, Purdue, and Zhong-Yin Zhang, PhD, Robert A. Harris Professor and chairman of biochemistry and molecular biology, IU School of Medicine: "Identification of Ack selective inhibitors for the treatment of cancers arising from deregulated Ras signaling."
- Ann E. Elsner, PhD, professor of optometry, IU-Bloomington, and Haiyan H. Zhang, PhD, assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology, Purdue: "Low Cost Biomedical Imaging via Inexpensive Laser Scanning."
- Andrew Goddard, MD, professor of psychiatry, IU School of Medicine, and Ulrike Dydak, PhD, assistant professor of health sciences, Purdue: "GABA Neuronal Dysfunction in Panic Disorder: Assessing the Effect of Family History."
- William P. Hetrick, Ph.D, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, IU-Bloomington, and Charles Goodlett, PhD, professor of psychology, IUPUI: "Translational Evaluation of Secretin's Effects on Cerebellar Function."
- Michael N. Jones, PhD, assistant professor of psychology, IU-Bloomington, and Andrew Saykin, PsyD, Raymond C. Beeler Professor of Radiology and Director of the IU Center for Neuroimaging, IU School of Medicine: "Network Models of Semantic Degradation in Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type."
- Gregory Knipp, PhD, associate professor of industrial and physical pharmacy and associate director of the Dane O. Kildsig Center for Pharmaceutical Processing Research, Purdue, and Rachel Vreeman, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics, IU School of Medicine: "Development of Novel Pediatric Formulations for the Treatment of Infectious Diseases."
- Ken Mackie, MD, professor of psychological and brain sciences, IU-Bloomington, and Michael Vasko, PhD, Paul Stark Professor and chairman of pharmacology and toxicology, IU School of Medicine: "Mechanisms of CB2 cannabinoid receptor signaling in models of neuropathic pain."
- Brian F. O'Donnell, PhD, professor of psychology, IU-Bloomington; Alan Breier, MD, professor of psychiatry and Paul Lysaker, PhD, associate professor of clinical psychology in clinical psychiatry, IU School of Medicine: "Cognitive Remediation of Neurobehavioral Abnormalities in Schizophrenia."
- Li Shen, PhD, assistant professor of radiology, IU School of Medicine, and Yuan (Alan) Qi, PhD, assistant professor of computer science, Purdue: "Integrating Imaging Phenotypes and Genotypes for Early Detection of AD."
- You-Yeon Won, PhD, assistant professor of chemical engineering, Purdue, and Brittney-Shea Herbert, PhD, assistant professor of medical and molecular genetics, IU School of Medicine: "Targeted Delivery of Telomerase-Inhibiting siRNA for In Vivo Breast Cancer Treatment."

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### › Interim EAD for Research Affairs to be appointed

Dean Craig Brater, MD, has announced he will appoint an interim executive associate dean for research affairs to succeed Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, who is departing to become executive vice president for medical affairs at the University of Michigan and CEO of the U-M Health System effective May 11.

Faculty members who might be interested in being considered for the interim EAD position should contact Dr. Brater.

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### › M&M: Mindfulness in Medicine

#### Grateful Parents

*The story below comes from a letter written by parents to their child's physician at Riley Hospital.*

Dear Dr. (IUSM/Riley Neonatal Faculty):

This is a note to let you know how very greatly we appreciated the care that you gave our daughter. As you know, having a child in the NICU was a very stressful experience for us, but your presence helped in so many ways. I most appreciate how you answered all of our questions regarding her condition and care so patiently, although we knew how very busy you were. You were

always honest with us, and I am thankful for your straight- forwardness. I am also thankful that you were able to be there, talk to us and help to reassure us that we made the right decision regarding the withdrawal of her life support. Both of us truly feel that she was waiting for you to be there and explain to us that it was time for her to go. Your grace and thoughtfulness allowed her to die in dignity, surrounded by caring professionals as well as her loving family. We are able to have peace with her death because of what you said: "When we're doing everything we can do, and she's not responding any longer..." That's when we knew it was time. Thank you for being patient, caring and direct. Our daughter could not have asked for a better physician.

**Response:** I suspect these parents have never read Louis Lasagna's modern reworking of the Hippocratic Oath (1964), and yet their simple note embodies a central theme of that pledge: "I will apply all measures required, avoiding those twin traps of over-treatment and therapeutic nihilism. I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug." In the technology infested Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, these parents acknowledged what technology can never replace, the humanity of the individuals who cared for their daughter.

These parents remembered the patience, presence, honesty and compassion of the people caring for their daughter. They were able to find meaning in what for many may seem like a senseless event, the death of a newborn. "Both of us truly feel that she was waiting for you to be there and explain to us that it was time for her to go." They talked about a decision, yet these words imply that it was not so much a burden for the family to decide as it was the natural choice, given the situation. This meaning could not have come without a profound sense of trust in the team caring for their daughter. Trust comes from genuine caring.

The twin traps Hippocrates described are ever present in the NICU. It takes courage and humility to recognize when we have slipped into over-treatment. There is no one right thing to say to parents to help them see when this happens, but they will see it if you feel it and speak to them from the heart. You will not change the picture of death, but framing it with caring words will make it possible to see the picture more clearly and begin the journey of grieving the loss, all the while celebrating the life you had the privilege to share.

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M&M: Mindfulness in Medicine is an editorial collaboration among the Teacher-Learner Advocacy Committee, the Relationship-Centered Care Initiative and the Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs. Each column features true stories, letters, poetry or art from members of the IUSM campus community. Comments, questions, submissions or ideas for columns may be sent to [meca@iupui.edu](mailto:meca@iupui.edu).

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## › **Helping Habitat**

Habitat for Humanity is an international housing ministry which has built more than 200,000 houses around the world since its founding in 1976. Helping Habitat (HH), a program sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning (OMSL), includes medical student volunteers who participate in local and national Habitat for Humanity home-building projects.

Next week, 10 IUSM students are planning a spring break trip to Lakeland, Fla., to participate in a Habitat project. Participants include Jessica Brown, Emily Cochard, Ryan Dumas, Ryan Evans, Victor Fehrenbacher, Ryan Hart, Amanda Jackson, Colby Wilson, Asish Patel and Greg Slabaugh.

In addition to the spring break trip to Florida, plans are also in the works for local volunteer opportunities during the spring semester. It's always a great opportunity to get away from the desk, swing a hammer, and help people out all at the same time.

Anyone interested in giving some time and energy is encouraged to contact either HH co-chair, Ryan Dumas ([rdumas@iupui.edu](mailto:rdumas@iupui.edu)) or Ike Fehrenbacher ([ifehrenb@iupui.edu](mailto:ifehrenb@iupui.edu)).

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit [www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl) for more information.

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## › **Commencement cap and gown orders accepted**

The 2009 IUPUI Commencement ceremonies will be at the Indiana Convention Center on Saturday, May 9th, and Sunday, May 10th. Academic apparel is available for rent and may be ordered at the commencement website - [www.alumni.iupui.edu/commencement](http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/commencement).

The deadline to receive a \$10 discount on cap and gown orders is Sunday, March 15. The final deadline is Sunday, March 29.

Personalized announcements may be ordered online as well. Announcements may be ordered any time prior to commencement. Further information about commencement is available on the commencement website.

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### › **New IU web site provides info on federal stimulus plan research funding**

IU has created a new web site to provide faculty with information about funding opportunities from the recently adopted federal economic stimulus legislation – American Relief and Reconstruction Act (ARRA). The IU web site, at [researchadmin.iu.edu/stimulus.html](http://researchadmin.iu.edu/stimulus.html), provides information about the significant amounts of research funds available under the act from most federal agencies and provides a link to each federal agency that has posted a Stimulus Information Page as required by ARRA.

Agency announcements as well as news of changing agency priorities as they are announced will be posted to the IU site.

The new site was created by the Office of Research Administration (ORA), in cooperation with the IU Office for Government Relations, the Vice Chancellor for Research at IUPUI and the Vice Provost for Research at IUB.

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### › **Time to spring forward**

On Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States. Don't forget to set watches and clocks forward one hour.

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, the process will be reversed—until the second Sunday in March, 2010 when clocks spring forward again.

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### › **Explore art, health and Wishard murals Sunday**

The Art of Healing: Where Healthcare and Creativity Blend

Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m.

Myers Auditorium, Wishard Memorial Hospital

Free

Wishard Hospital is home to more than state-of-the-art health care. In 1914 Indiana's leading artists worked together to create murals that would lift the spirits of the patients at City (now Wishard) Hospital. Hear Larry Cripe, MD, oncologist at IUSCC, and cancer survivor Jan Lucas-Grimm discuss how art facilitates healing by engaging an emotional response which can relieve stress and re-focus the mind. A brief tour of the 1914 murals follows the discussion.

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### › **World poverty, healthcare focus of special lecture**

Philosopher Peter Singer will lecture Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the IUPUI Campus Center, room 450, free of charge. The lecture is presented by the Baker-Ort Chair in International Healthcare Philanthropy, the IUPUI Student Activities Programming Board and the IUPUI 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Singer, who was named by TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, will lecture on his latest book *The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty*. He will pose this question to his audience: "What should I be doing to help?"

For more information on the event, call 278-1669. For more information on the speaker, see [www.princeton.edu/~psinger](http://www.princeton.edu/~psinger).

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### › **Info session planned on public health degrees**

Interested in learning more about the Master of Public Health (MPH) program or graduate certificate in public health?

The IUSM Department of Public Health will host an information session to acquaint inquiring minds about its educational program offerings. Faculty, staff, and students will be available to provide an overview of the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, and the Office of Public Health Practice.

The gathering will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the IUSM Department of Public Health, 714 N. Senate, room 220. The off-campus building is on the southwest corner of Senate and St. Clair streets. Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP contact Leah Jansen at [lwissel@iupui.edu](mailto:lwissel@iupui.edu) or 278-0765. More information is available at [www.pbhealth.iupui.edu](http://www.pbhealth.iupui.edu).

Can't attend the information session in person? Log on to: [breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession/](http://breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession/) to attend the session from your personal computer.

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### › **Reception for Chinese medical delegation**

IUSM Dean Craig Brater is hosting a reception honoring a Chinese physician delegation that will be visiting our campus Friday, March 13. The reception will be in the sixth floor lobby at Fairbanks Hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please come by and greet our new Asian friends.

Fairbanks Hall is the first stop on the People Mover as it leaves the IUPUI campus going toward Methodist Hospital.

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### › **Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series**

The Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series will present Vegetative State and Related Disorders: Clinical Concepts and Ethical Dilemmas. The lecture will be presented by Edward J. Dropcho, MD, IUSM professor of neurology, from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Lunch will not be provided and food and drink are not allowed in the ROC auditorium. Free CME/CE credit is offered.

For questions and comments, contact Amy Chamness at [achamnes@clarian.org](mailto:achamnes@clarian.org) or 962-1721. For additional information about the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, visit [www.fairbankscenter.org](http://www.fairbankscenter.org).

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### › **Evening of the Arts just around the corner**

The 2009 Evening of the Arts will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, program. The IU School of Medicine student-run program will be at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. for the art silent auction.

The annual performance showcases the musical, artistic and dramatic talents of IUSM students, faculty and staff. EOTA raises funds to support clinics providing free health care services to the homeless and working poor of Indianapolis.

Tickets can be reserved by phone at 274-7173 or by e-mail at [iusmeota@iupui.edu](mailto:iusmeota@iupui.edu). They will also be available for purchase or pick-up in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building (MS), room 162.

If purchased or reserved by March 20:

\$10 for Students

\$15 for General Public

At the door:

\$12 for Students

\$17 for General Public

See: [msa.iusm.iu.edu/StudentDevelopment/eota.asp](http://msa.iusm.iu.edu/StudentDevelopment/eota.asp)

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### › **Indiana AHEC extends invitation**

The second annual meeting of the Indiana Area Health Education Centers will be Tuesday, March 24, at The Marten House, 1801 W. 86th Street. "Bringing the Pieces Together" will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:30 and the first speaker, Richard Kiovsky, MD, will present at 9:45.

IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the meeting where educators, advocates, health professionals, community leaders, students, and many others from across the state will share a day full of dialogue and idea exchange. Learn the latest insights from the Bowen Research Center health workforce studies. Be swept into the hands-on, immersion experiences of Indiana students through their AHEC clinical rotations experiences. Engage with the keynote speaker as he shares tips for building successful partnerships.

For more information and registration (\$25.00), go to [www.ahec.iupui.edu](http://www.ahec.iupui.edu).

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### › **Microscopy workshop registration beings**

The 2009 Workshop on Applied Microscopy in Kidney Research, hosted by the George M. O'Brien Center for Advanced Renal Microscopy and Analysis, will be March 24-27 at the Indiana Center for Biological Microscopy.

For more information, see [www.nephrology.iupui.edu/obrien2009/Welcome.html](http://www.nephrology.iupui.edu/obrien2009/Welcome.html).

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### › **Workshop on creating good multiple-choice tests**

IUSM faculty are invited to participate in the "Constructing Multiple Choice Tests" workshop, Thursday, March 26, from 3-4:30pm in the School of Nursing, room 305.

Multiple choice tests are commonly used to assess student learning, but it can be challenging to write good multiple-choice test questions that measure the desired student learning objectives. In this session, participants will learn about strengths and limitations of multiple choice tests, consider when to use multiple choice tests, discover how to use Bloom's taxonomy to write multiple choice questions at different cognitive levels, and discuss recommendations for constructing multiple-choice items.

Presenters are Terri Tarr, PhD, and Deborah DeMeester, MSN.

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### › **Junior Faculty Forum for Indy academics**

The Spring 2009 Junior Faculty Forum and Beyond: Navigating the Road to Success in the Academy will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 27. The program will be in the Johnson Room, Robertson Hall at Butler University.

The forum is designed to bring together junior faculty and adjuncts from Butler University, Franklin College, IUPUI Ivy Tech community College, Marian College, Martin University, and the University of Indianapolis to continue participation in sessions and discussions on select topics that are relevant to the success of their careers in the academy. Tenured faculty members are welcome to attend as well.

Another intended goal of the JFF is to promote informal and formal collegial connections and scholarly exchange among JFF participants.

To register, go to [www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228VHMLR8N3](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228VHMLR8N3).

Additional program that evening: Multicultural Networking Exchange Across University Campuses: Come get connected with colleagues and professionals across disciplines and institutions. This networking session will take place from 5-7 p.m. and is

sponsored by the Consortium for Urban Education (CUE).

Direct questions to Robert Holm at 940-9766 or [rholm@butler.edu](mailto:rholm@butler.edu).

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### › **Middle East cardiovascular health focus of conference**

New advances in the diagnosis, treatment and management of cardiovascular diseases will be explored at the first International Cardiovascular Conference: Focus on the Middle East in Indianapolis, April 1 and 2. The conference is a cooperative effort between Indiana University School of Medicine and the American College of Cardiology.

Cardiologists and health care professionals who treat cardiovascular disease are invited to attend. Conference attendees will learn from each other's knowledge base and experiences on how to best care for patients with cardiovascular diseases. The internationally-recognized faculty will present topics in the areas of coronary artery disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation and sudden death, genetics and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, surgery and catheters for repair and replacement, and imaging.

The educational symposium will be held at the Campus Center Auditorium on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus. Contact the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education for registration and CME information at 274-4638 or register online at <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu>. After March 30, registration must be completed at the door.

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### › **Registration open for scientific writing for the reader seminar**

As competition for external funding becomes more challenging, the importance of getting one's scholarly work successfully published is more important than ever.

"Scientific Writing from the Reader's Perspective" will be presented by Dr. George D. Gopen, Duke University professor of the practice of rhetoric, and senior lecturing fellow in the Department of English and the School of Law.

Dr. Gopen's approach is based on a single idea: Learning to write for the reader allows the writer to control what readers learn. Dr. Gopen's workshops have changed participants' writing habits permanently, often resulting in improved grant writing success. Both junior investigators and experienced scholars/mentors will benefit from this program. Registrants must be able to commit two, full days to this workshop, as each session builds upon the previous one.

William Tierney, MD, director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and co-editor of a medical journal, has received more than \$20 million in grants as principal investigator and has published more than 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Having attended Dr. Gopen's two-day writing workshop after he had already published approximately 50 papers, Dr. Tierney stated, "This was the best investment I ever made – the most cost effective time I have ever spent."

Participants who complete the entire two-day workshop are eligible to register for a consultation with Dr. Gopen. Consultations will take place on June 3 and 4. More information will be available on the registration site.

Registration opens: March 1 at [www.faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://www.faculty.medicine.iu.edu)

Workshop dates: June 1 and 2

Consultation dates: June 3 and 4

Cosponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the IUPUI Office of Research Administration.

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### › **UITS Survey: Help improve UITS services**

If you were selected to take part in the annual UITS user survey, please take a moment to share your thoughts. Your observations and opinions are critical to helping UITS evaluate our services.

Your invitation included survey instructions for responding online -- the questions aim to gauge your level of satisfaction with UITS computing and telephone services, as well as with support for instruction, research, and administration.

Your past input has helped us tailor UITS services and support to your needs. We appreciate your ongoing feedback.

You can view previous UITS survey findings at [www.indiana.edu/~uitssur/](http://www.indiana.edu/~uitssur/).

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### › IUSCC web has new info for patients

A new section of the IU Simon Cancer Center's Web site called "Cancer Info," which made its debut Feb. 23, helps patients and their families find information about a variety of topics in one place. In the symptom management section, for example, people can learn about anemia, dry mouth, nausea, and shortness of breath.

Overall, according to Anna McDaniel, DNS, professor with the IU School of Nursing and a researcher with the IU Simon Cancer Center, the section "makes information more accessible to the public as well as patients. It has been designed so there is a clearly defined way to access quality, or evidence based, information."

Dr. McDaniel received a \$250,000 grant from Indianapolis-based Walther Cancer Foundation in 2007 for the project. She and others from the IU schools of nursing and informatics and the cancer center worked together to create the section at [cancerinfo.cancer.iu.edu/cancerportal/public/](http://cancerinfo.cancer.iu.edu/cancerportal/public/).

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### › Ethics fellowship applications open

Applications are available for the 2009-2010 Clinical Ethics Fellowship sponsored by the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics. The application deadline is **Friday, May 1**.

This nine-month, part time fellowship focuses on training health care professionals in clinical ethics, including ethics consultation, hospital ethics committee work, and ethics research. Graduates will become capable members of the ethics community.

The target audience for the fellowship includes physicians, nurses, chaplains, and social workers. Other members of the community (e.g. attorneys or members of administrative staffs) may also apply.

Application to the fellowship is competitive. The application process includes submission of a written application (which includes several brief narrative essays), a letter of support from the applicant's immediate supervisor, one letter of recommendation, and interviews with Fairbanks Center staff.

For an application and additional information go to the Fairbanks Center website [www.fairbankscenter.org/index.php/programs/fellowship/](http://www.fairbankscenter.org/index.php/programs/fellowship/), or contact Patty Bledsoe, Fairbanks Center Program Manager, at 962-9260 or [pbledsoe@clarian.org](mailto:pbledsoe@clarian.org).

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### › RFA posted for Challenge Grants

The National Institutes of Health recently posted a Request For Applications (RFA) for the new Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research mechanism being made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the stimulus bill). Applications can be submitted beginning Friday, March 27, with an application due date of **Monday, April 27**.

See: [grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\\_award/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/)

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### › Neuroimmunology proposals sought

The Dana Foundation Program in the Neuroimmunology of Brain Infections and Cancers seeks proposals for its neuroimmunology program. Individual grants will total up to \$200,000 and will be paid over a three-years period. Each U.S. medical school dean, and each president of the few selected biomedical research institutions that have been invited by letter, may nominate one proposal.

The deadline for presentation of applications to the IUSM dean's office is **Tuesday, March 11**. Applications should be sent to Iona

Sewell ([imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu)). Details of the program can be found at [www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology/](http://www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology/).

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### › Drexel Award nominations sought

The \$100,000 Anthony J. Drexel Exceptional Achievement Award in Biomedical Engineering/Life Sciences is accepting nominations until **Monday, March 23**.

In 2009, Drexel University in Philadelphia launched a major new national research award to be presented to a faculty member from a U.S. institution who has demonstrated a record of outstanding achievement in translational research in biomedical engineering or life sciences. Nominations must be made online at [drexel.edu/achievement](http://drexel.edu/achievement).

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### › Ochsner Award relating smoking, disease applications open

An annual award of \$15,000 will be present to Nov. 1, at the annual convocation of the American College of Chest Physicians. The Alton Ochsner Award is for original scientific work that relates tobacco consumption to disease. Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, March 31**.

For more information or to submit nominations:

Edward D. Frohlick, MD  
Alton Ochsner Distinguished Scientist  
Ochsner Clinic Foundation  
1514 Jefferson Highway  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70121

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### › IU Alumni Association supports neutrality in trustee races

The IU administrations is reminding colleagues about the IU Alumni Association's policy to not endorse or support trustee candidates.

The policy states:

- Staff and any volunteers representing an alumni chapter, constituent society, or affiliate group may not provide postal or e-mail addresses. In addition, newsletters and electronic communications that mention a particular person's candidacy must also mention all other candidates' names.

Another two points are crucial in order to dispel any inference of partiality:

- Speakers at alumni events may announce that a particular guest is running for trustee, but the speaker must also mention all other candidates prominently.
- Some candidates may choose to create social media forums using tools such as Facebook, My Space, or Twitter. Staff, IUAA alumni groups, and individuals acting on behalf of alumni groups and chapters should not join or interact with online support groups.

Again, the IUAA and all of its various groups and organizations must remain neutral in the election process. This policy is not intended to restrict or hamper alumni, acting on their own behalf, from actively supporting the candidate of their choice.

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### › Honors

New Zealand's University of Auckland has selected IUSM faculty member **Richard Gunderman**, MD PhD, as its 2009 ASB Professor. The ASB Professorship was established in 1961 with a grant from the Auckland Savings Bank to the university's Board

of Trustees. The program brings distinguished international scholars to disseminate knowledge on the latest developments in medical science to physicians in New Zealand for a two-week period. Recent USB Professors have included Hans van Delden of Utrecht University, Ichiro Kawachi of the Harvard School of Public Health, and Nicholas Severs of Britain's National Heart and Lung Institute. Gunderman, who is professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, and philanthropy, will speak in various New Zealand cities during the second half of March.

**Eric M. Meslin**, PhD, has been invited to speak at the 2009 President's Council on bioethics in March. The former director of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, Dr. Meslin currently is the director of the IU Center for Bioethics. He and three other bioethicists have been asked to attend sessions and then present differing conceptions of the missions and functions of the national bioethics commissions and their working philosophies.

**Donald Orr**, MD, professor of pediatrics and the founding director of the Section of Adolescent Medicine at IUSM and Riley Hospital, will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award in Adolescent Medicine from the Society for Adolescent Medicine at the annual meeting March 27. The award was established in 1981 to recognize individuals nationally and internationally for their commitment to improving the health and care resources for adolescents and young adults. Dr. Orr started the Section of Adolescent Medicine in 1983 and now the program provides more than 40,000 adolescent clinic visits a year, is one of the preeminent academic training programs in the country and brings in over \$3 million per year in extramural (mostly federal) research support.

**George W. Sledge Jr.**, MD, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indianapolis Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. He received the honor at the Feb. 28 Pink Tie Ball. Dr. Sledge is the Ballve-Lantero Professor of Oncology and co-director of the breast cancer program at the IUSCC.

The late **Stephen D. Williams**, MD, was the winner of the 2009 Health Care Heroes Physician Award, presented March 4. Three finalists were announced in each category earlier and IUSM four faculty were named in three categories. For more information on the nominees, finalists and award winners, see <http://216.37.14.49/am/launch.asp?id=129>.

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### › This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 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.

Shonni Silverberg, MD, professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University, will discuss her recent findings that people who undergo gastric bypass surgery experience a significant loss of nutrients absorbed by the body which can lead to brittle bones and lost bone density. Dr. Silverberg, a mineral metabolism and bone disorder researcher, will explain the effects of the surgery on the body.

David Kovacich, MD, a cardiologist at Indiana Heart Physicians and St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, will explain a new study which found that all trans fats, including natural ones, increase LDL cholesterol (the bad one) and increase the risk of heart disease.

Melissa Carpentier, PhD assistant professor of pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine, will discuss her new book, *Adolescents with Cancer: The Influence of Close Relationships on Quality of Life, Distress, and Health Behaviors*, and explain the challenges of helping teens manage cancer treatments.

ABC News medical contributor Marie Savard, MD, will explain her opposition to a recent study that suggested cutting calories may be helpful for seniors trying to improve their memory.

Barry Popkin, PhD, professor of nutrition and director of the Interdisciplinary Obesity Center at the University of North Carolina, will discuss his book, *The World is Fat: The Fads, Trends, Policies, and Products That Are Fattening the Human Race*, which explores the economic and cultural systems he believes have contributed to the obesity epidemic.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere will explore the link between the colors red and blue in connection to work productivity.

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](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu).

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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](http://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](mailto:kas1@iupui.edu).

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