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## IUSM programs honored with AAMC Women in Medicine award

The IUSM Women's Advisory Council and the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD) will receive the 2009 AAMC Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award during the AAMC Annual Meeting in November.

This prestigious award recognizes organizations that have distinguished themselves through their commitment to advancing women leaders in academic medicine and to improving the environment for women in academic medicine. Since the first award in 1993, these awards have recognized 16 individuals and seven medical school-based women in medicine programs.

The IUSM Women's Advisory Council and OFAPD, which aim for a culture where all members of the IUSM community can participate fully and achieve maximum professional success, will be honored for the many new initiatives and programs instituted to support women faculty in a short amount of time, for example:

- Annual women faculty leadership development workshop
- Luncheons featuring interviews with women in leadership
- Increased women faculty attendance at national professional development conferences

- Increased nominations of women faculty for awards
- The “History of Women at IUSM” project
- Gender bias in search committee training
- the AMWA mentoring program
- Advocacy related to institutional policies (i.e., flexibility in the tenure clock, health care benefits for part-time faculty)
- State of the faculty report
- Surveys of faculty vitality

The IUSM Women’s Advisory Council and OFAPD were nominated by Dean D. Craig Brater. Mary Dankoski, PhD, assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development and co-chair of the Women’s Advisory Council, will accept the award on behalf of the IUSM.

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## **IU Press publishes first book on IU-Kenya Partnership**

Indiana University Press has just published *Walking Together, Walking Far: How a U.S. and African Medical School Partnership is Winning the Fight Against HIV/AIDS*, the first-ever book chronicling the historic partnership between Indiana University School of Medicine, Moi University School of Medicine and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

The book’s title derives from the African proverb, “If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together,” reflecting how the 20-year partnership has thrived over the long haul in the face of many health and development challenges.

“This Indiana-Moi partnership is a model for how to tackle the huge challenges of HIV/AIDS and poverty in general, and one of the most inspiring examples of humanitarian partnership I have ever seen,” wrote Jim Morris, former executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme, in a statement promoting the new book.

*Walking Together* includes the story of the partnership’s beginnings, biographical background of AMPATH leaders like Sylvester Kimaiyo, Joe Mamlin, Bob Einterz and Haroun Mengech, a day-in-the-life of AMPATH workers and patients, and behind-the-scenes accounts of the birth of the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), AMPATH’s historic launch of door-to-door counseling and testing, and the dramatic story of AMPATH’s response to the Kenyan post-election violence of early 2008.

“The reason this book is such an important contribution is that it is about a group of people who questioned received wisdom about what is possible in treating the destitute sick,” Partners in Health founder Dr. Paul Farmer wrote in the Foreword to *Walking Together*. “This is a book that should be read by every student of public health.”

*Walking Together* can be ordered right now on Amazon.com—a direct link is [www.amazon.com/Walking-Together-Far-African-Partnership/dp/0253220890/ref=sr\\_oe\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1245989332&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Walking-Together-Far-African-Partnership/dp/0253220890/ref=sr_oe_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1245989332&sr=1-1)

and will be on the shelves of many Indiana-area bookstores within a few weeks. All author proceeds support AMPATH’s work.

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## **Expanded Riley Safety Store opens**

The newly expanded and renovated Riley Safety Store – the nation’s first hospital-based safety store – has officially opened with a ceremonial ribbon cutting this past week. The expanded store is in the Riley Outpatient Center adjacent to the first-floor gift shop.

The 224-square-foot expansion of the Riley Safety Store will provide the needed space to showcase more safety products for children and families, as well as offer different “zones” that simulate home settings and provide families with the opportunity to practice installation and use of child safety products prior to purchase.

The Riley Safety Store, which opened in 2005, serves all children, including children with disabilities or special health care needs, and offers families, staff and the general public access to a broad inventory of low-cost or free child safety products and injury prevention education.

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## **IUSM Student Mentoring Program Seeks Faculty and House Staff Mentors**

During academic year 2001-02 a task force of students, residents, and faculty was established to adopt a mentoring plan for IUSM medical students. After careful review, the task force recommended adoption of a “vertical advising” program.

This concept takes advantage of the wealth of knowledge that all levels can contribute to building a more cohesive professional and educational environment. A major benefit of this model is that it breaks down the very large size of our medical school into smaller, cohesive groups. These mentoring pods create opportunities for professional socialization by improving channels of communication between faculty, students, and administration.

Goals of the Mentoring Program include:

- Allow sharing of information deemed important to the student.
- Enhance student-student and student-faculty communication.
- Provide a support system for academic, social, fiscal, or other student problems.
- Encourage team building and problem-solving strategies.

Faculty and house staff commitment would include two lunch meetings per semester. The meetings will take place on Fridays from 12:30-1:50 p.m. Additional gatherings outside of school are strongly encouraged to further enhance the relationship. Some departments award 3D credit for participation in the IUSM Student Mentoring Program.

For more information about the program or to express interest in participating, please contact Stephanie Fortune at [steatayl@iupui.edu](mailto:steatayl@iupui.edu) or 317-278-5213. The IUSM Student Mentoring Program website is <http://msa.iusm.iu.edu/StudentDevelopment/mentoringmain.asp>.

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## **Campus tour coming up in July**

A guided tour of the IUSM buildings on the IUPUI campus will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, July 10. The tour offers an orientation to the campus for new employees as well as provides an opportunity for staff to become more familiar with the location of IUSM buildings and offices. The tours are led by Courtney Cowley of the Office of Facility Planning and Operations.

To sign up for this tour, email Marla Laystrom at [mlaystro@iupui.edu](mailto:mlaystro@iupui.edu), or call 274-7217 no later than **Wednesday, July 8.**

Participants are to meet inside the VanNuys Medical Science Building at the Chihuly DNA Tower. The tour is estimated to take 1.5 to 2 hours.

Remaining tours for 2009: July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

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## **Annual children's health fair – July 11**

On Saturday, July 11, Blackburn Health Center will host a free children's health fair featuring sports physicals, immunizations and exciting children's games. The annual Randall S. Smith Jr. Children's Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blackburn Health Center, 2700 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Indianapolis. The event will also feature a college fair with representatives from several universities.

Health-care professionals will be available to answer questions and provide free immunizations for all ages and sports physicals for junior high and high school students. Parents are asked to bring their children's immunization records. In addition to free health screenings and information, games, food and music will also be part of the day's activities.

Sponsors for the Randall S. Smith Jr. Children's Health Fair include the IUSM Pediatric Student Interest Group, Monarch Beverage Company, MDwise, Teamsters Local 135 and Wishard Health Services. Donations have been made by Steak n Shake, McDonalds, Target, Wonder Bread and Mead Johnson. Refreshments will be provided by Teamsters Local 135.

For more information about the health fair, call 931-4306.

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## **Alumni night at Symphony on the Prairie**

Join colleagues and friends at A Night on the Prairie with the School of Medicine – Classical Mystery Tour at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

Imagine The Beatles playing classic favorites such as "Yesterday," "Penny Lane," and "I Am the Walrus" live and in concert with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Imagine yourself sipping your favorite beverage while enjoying the critically acclaimed Classical Mystery Tour as they present some 30 Beatles tunes sung, played, and performed exactly as they were written with a live trumpet section, acoustic guitar, and string

quartet. Save the date and plan on joining Central Indiana alumni for a night on the Prairie Aug.1. Bring your favorite beverage, snacks, and folding chairs.

\$16 for IUAA members, \$20 for non-members, \$45 for one ticket and a one-year IUAA membership, \$11 for Children 2 - 11 (Under 2 free).

For more information, please contact Michael Halliburton at 274-5060 / 866-267-3104 (toll-free) or [IUSMalum@iupui.edu](mailto:IUSMalum@iupui.edu).

To register and purchase your tickets, visit [www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine](http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine).

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## **English intonation class registration begins**

Enrollment has begun for the next evening class of American English Intonation (AEI): Effective Intercultural Communication for the Healthcare Professional.

The program for international medical students, residents, fellows, postdocs and faculty at Indiana University School of Medicine and Clarian Health Hospitals is made possible by support from a Clarian Values Grant for Education.

The primary focus of AEI is accent modification though the instruction touches on other areas of effective communication. The instructor is a TESOL-certified IUPUI adjunct faculty. The classes are held once a week starting Thursday, Aug. 6. Classes will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays through Sept. 24 at Methodist Hospital Maternity, Candlelight Room A 3050 A.

The goal of this course is reduction – not elimination – of the international accent. To make each participant's speech more comprehensible, the classes focus on the importance of pronunciation along with the patterns of stress and intonation in spoken English.

Pre- and post-course assessments are conducted to help each participant better understand his or her specific challenges. A textbook and CDs are integral to the course, but students spend a significant amount of class time practicing, asking questions, and interacting with each other.

For many professionals, this opportunity to explore a different style of speech in a relaxed, fun and noncompetitive atmosphere provides the confidence and determination to pursue more conversations – professional and personal – in American English. The class itself creates a supportive community of people with similar needs and goals.

Most importantly, the course acts as a springboard for each participant's personal development. Students learn to implement ongoing strategies that suit their specific style of learning.

To ensure individual attention, class size is limited. Registration is \$180 when paid by July 21; \$220 after July 21. Textbooks and CDs are provided on site.

For more information and registration, contact:

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## **Volunteers sought for IUSCC during Indiana Black Expo**

The IU Simon Cancer Center again is a sponsor of this year's INShape Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair during Indiana Black Expo, which attracts more than 40,000 people. Volunteers are needed to assist the Noah Hahn, MD, team with IU-CABS (Indiana University Cancer Biomarker Study) with consent form completion, specimen processing, or handing out general IUSCC educational information. You can select your volunteer time(s) by visiting [www.cancer.iu.edu/volunteer](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/volunteer).

If you have not been certified to provide consent form assistance, etc., the link to the Human Subjects tutorial and test is [www.iupui.edu/~resgrad/Human%20Subjects/human-menu.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/~resgrad/Human%20Subjects/human-menu.htm). After signing up, you are urged to attend the IUSCC health fair training at noon Thursday, July 9, in the Indiana Cancer Pavilion (RT), room 101.

Contact Rivienne Shedd-Steele at 278-0073 if you have questions or need additional information. The health fair is July 16-19 at the Indiana Convention Center. The IU Simon Cancer Center's booths are 134-140 in Hall D of the convention center.

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## **Unite 2 Fight Prostate Cancer**

The IU Simon Cancer Center and the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute are the presenting sponsors of this year's Unite 2 Fight Race Against Prostate Cancer on Saturday, July 11. Unite 2 Fight consists of a 5K run, a 5K walk, and a one-mile family walk in downtown Indianapolis.

Run or walk in the fight against prostate cancer, a disease that will affect one out of every six men in the United States. This event raises awareness about prostate cancer, while raising money to help fight this silent disease. The festivities begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Indiana War Memorial at the corner of Meridian and Michigan streets. The individual paper registration deadline is Friday, July 3; individual online registration deadline is Thursday, July 9.

Visit <http://www.uniterace.org/default.aspx> for all of the details.

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## **Recovery funds available for health care jobs**

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has announced the availability of nearly \$200 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support student loan repayments for primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians who want to work at National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites.

In exchange for the loan repayments, clinicians serve for two years with the Corps. The new funds are expected to double the number of Corps clinicians and make 3,300 awards to clinicians that serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other health care facilities that care for uninsured and underserved people.

For more information, see [www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/06/20090605a.html](http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/06/20090605a.html).

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## **Indiana Public Health Awards seeks nominations**

Wishard Foundation is accepting nominations for leaders who provide health care to underserved populations.

On Oct. 15, Wishard Foundation will host the 10th Annual George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. George H. Rawls, M.D., a retired assistant dean for student affairs at IUSM, has devoted his life to improving the academic preparation of minority students interested in health care.

During the scholarship dinner, three Indiana Public Health Awards will be presented to recipients in the following categories: minority health care provider, corporation/organization, and a philanthropist or public official. Award nominees should have demonstrated a passion for meeting the health care needs of the underserved in Indiana.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, July 24. Nominations may be submitted online at [www.IPHAnomination.org](http://www.IPHAnomination.org). Nominations also may be submitted by email to Ollie Hairston at [ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org](mailto:ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org) or by postal mail to the Wishard Foundation, 1001 West Tenth Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

For more information regarding Dr. Rawls, the Rawls Scholarship, the Rawls Scholarship Dinner, or the Indiana Public Health Awards, contact Ollie Hairston at (317) 630-8502, [ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org](mailto:ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org).

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## **Saturday night bike event may tie traffic**

The N.I.T.E. Ride bicycling event on Saturday, June 27, will cause traffic blockages lasting at least 45 minutes at each point along a 20-mile route that may impact employees of the many downtown medical facilities (including but not limited to the IUPUI, IU, Riley, Wishard, VA, and Methodist campuses), as well as students living on the IUPUI campus.

The downtown area blockages will begin at about 11:15 p.m. Saturday as riders cross 10th Street from Indiana Avenue (formerly Stadium Drive) and proceed south on University Boulevard. Special access procedures are in place to expedite traffic flow in the affected area.

Medical personnel who require access to or from the "contained area" bounded 10th Street, University Boulevard, Michigan Street, and Porto Alegre Street will be able to use the two westbound lanes of 10th Street, which will temporarily be used for two-way traffic across the White River between Porto Alegre Street and White River Parkway West Drive. (The two eastbound lanes will be temporarily blocked for use by bicyclists on the event route.)

Personnel departing from this area will use the right-hand westbound lane across the 10th Street White River bridge. Upon reaching White River Parkway West Drive they may proceed right (north, leading to Lafayette Blvd.), straight (west), or left (south); proceeding south to Washington Street allows access to the east, below the area blocked by the bicycling event.

Personnel requiring access to this area should approach from the west, proceeding eastbound on 10th Street. When crossing White River Parkway West Drive they will be directed into the normally west-bound lane that is closer to the center of the bridge. After crossing the bridge and passing Porto Alegre Street, they will be directed back onto the two eastbound lanes of 10th Street.

Personnel who require access to or from the area inside the cycling route (such as at Methodist Hospital, or students living on the IUPUI campus) may do so via I-65 using the exits and entrances at 21st Street or West Street. It will also be possible to cross the route on 38th Street west of Michigan Road, because the bicyclists will be looping south under 38th Street on White River Parkway.

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 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, Aaron Carroll, MD, MS, associate professor of pediatrics and director for the Center of Health Policy and Professionalism Research at IUSM, will discuss the current progress on health care reform legislation.

Jason Glanz, PhD, epidemiologist and investigator in the Institute for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente, will explain his findings that children who are not vaccinated are at a much higher risk of getting whooping cough than those who are. These findings challenge the notion of “herd immunity” as protection.

Continuing the health care reform discussion will be host Barbara Lewis with *Sound Medicine*'s Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, executive associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development at IUSM. Dr. Bogdewic will explain the importance that primary care physicians will play in health care reform.

Shelley Johns, PsyD, a clinical psychologist, will discuss how the CompleteLife program at the IU Simon Cancer Center, utilizes a team approach for caring for cancer patients and their caregivers.

Also this week, *Sound Medicine* will air a new installment of “Grace Notes,” a series of first-person essays about end-of-life issues written and read by Larry Cripe, MD, associate professor of medicine and an oncologist at the IU Simon Cancer Center.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* “Checkup,” Jeremy Shere, Ph.D., will explore music and medicine.

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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