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‘Tour the Life’ student blogs

Student bloggers, one from each year of medical school, make their debut this week on the Tour the Life web site at blogs.medicine.iu.edu.

The school’s Tour the Life bloggers guide current and prospective students through the halls of medical school academia – from taking the MCAT to working an “audition rotation” in the fourth year.

Hats off to our energetic and thoughtful bloggers Holly Kloss, MS1; Rachel Heneghan, MS2; Henry Chou, MS3; and Danika Alexander, MS4.

The Tour the Life project is sponsored by the Admissions Committee; the web site is produced by the Office of Public and Media Relations.

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Mock interviews need real interviewers

Each fall the Office of Medical Student Affairs arranges mock interviews for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Students who have participated have been extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to practice and to hear valuable feedback from faculty interviewers.

In order to provide this service for students, faculty volunteers are needed. Faculty and house staff who are familiar with the residency interviewing process are sought to conduct and critique the interviews. About 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; volunteers would need to commit at least 2 hours during which they will conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student's performance. The interviews will be held at the new Simulation Center located in Fairbanks Hall.

Keep in mind, more volunteers reduce the time commitment for each individual faculty member. Faculty from all disciplines are needed but no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be interviewing students interested in his or her specialty.

Dates for this project are:

Thursday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

As soon as faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year students will be invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be required to submit residency application materials to MSA. Those materials will be forwarded, along with transcripts, to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty and house staff interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Carlene Webb-Burton at cwebbbur@iupui.edu or 274-7173.

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IUSM internal grant applications due Sept. 1

The application deadline for the following IUSM internal grant programs is **5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1.**

- Biomedical Research Grant
- Research Enhancement Grant

Application forms and further information can be found online at www.indianactsi.org/grants.

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Correction: Four named to state cord blood board

Reuben Kapur, PhD, associate professor of pediatrics, molecular biology and biochemistry, medical and molecular genetics and microbiology and immunology, and a member of the Wells Center for Pediatric Research, is one of four IUSM faculty members appointed by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels to the newly created Indiana Cord Blood Bank board of directors. His name was unintentionally omitted from a story in the Aug. 7 *Scope*.

The other IUSM faculty named to the board are Eric Meslin, PhD, Jeffrey Rothenberg, MD, and Mervin Yoder, MD.

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Embracing Diversity series continues Aug. 19

William J. Jackson, author and professor emeritus in the Department of Religious Studies at IUPUI, will present "Paradoxes in Embracing Diversity: Employing Structured Empathy in Understanding Religions East and West" at the next Embracing Diversity: Pediatric Grand Rounds on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

His discussion will be from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center Ruth Lilly Auditorium.

This is one in a series of presentations exploring the influence of diverse belief systems on health care delivery.

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IUSM New Faculty Welcome

All new faculty appointed from September 2008 to present are welcome to attend the IUSM New Faculty Welcome from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1109 and 1111. Please register at <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp>

The IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development will host a welcome session for new faculty. Senior IUSM faculty will be present to answer questions. This event will provide opportunity for networking and learning about resources available to support faculty at the School of Medicine and meet new colleagues.

Immediately following the welcome program, there will be the "Academy of Teaching Scholars Kick-off" event, which will include a tour of the new IUSM Simulation Center.

Questions? Contact sarareed@iupui.edu.

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DiversiTea: Understanding the generations in the workforce

"The Greatest, Boomers, Gen-Xers, and Millennials: Creating Intergenerational Understanding" will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Fairbanks Hall, room 5005.

During this session, participants will discuss generational differences, what motivates different generations, and tips for effectively working with people from multiple generations.

Megan Palmer, PhD, is an assistant dean with the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and a visiting assistant professor with IUPUI School of Education.

Register for this session at <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/registration/indexDirect.asp?id=167>.

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Faculty ASR survey due Sept. 21

The 2009 Faculty Annual Summary Report (ASR) is now available. All regular faculty members who were active during the past academic year (2008-2009) have been requested to complete this survey. Deadline for ASR submissions is **Monday, Sept. 21**.

If you are involved in the instruction or presentation of Continuing Medical Education (CME - Question #4) or Undergraduate courses (Instruction -Question #1) all course related activities will need to be entered as this data has not been provided by a central source.

Please do not forget to complete the "School of Medicine Faculty Offices, and Standing Committees Nominations" questionnaire at the bottom of the report.

The web search application for last year's Research Interest question may be found at the following location:
<https://apps.iusm.iu.edu/IUSMDecisionSupport/search/search.aspx>

The survey is available at <https://apps.iusm.iu.edu/asr>. Please contact the office of Decision Support at 278-1968, or e-mail finaff@iupui.edu if you have any problems or questions.

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FAQ for Recovery Act

The Council on Government Relations and the Federal Demonstration Partnership are creating a new web resource, "Frequently Asked Questions and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)." An introduction to the resource has been posted and the first set of FAQs is expected to be posted this weekend. See 206.151.87.67/docs/F&AARRADocument.htm.

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New reporting tool for ARRA award recipients

The National Institutes of Health is creating a new quarterly reporting tool for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) award recipients. The web site, www.FederalReporting.gov, will be available for registration Monday, Aug. 17, and all information and activities reported on the site will be accessible to the public.

The first quarterly report is due Saturday, Oct. 10, and should include the award amount, a project description and location, percent of the project completed, and the number of jobs created and retained. Subsequent reports are due 10 calendar days after each calendar quarter.

See grants.nih.gov/recovery/recipient_reporting.html.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) 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 Indiana University School of Medicine, will discuss features of the House and Senate versions of health-care reform bills.

Sound Medicine's David Crabb, MD, chairman of the IU Department of Medicine and an alcoholism expert, will respond to a recent prediction that in the near future, many cases of alcoholism will be easily treated by primary care physicians using drugs that are already available.

Howard Gleckman, senior research associate at the Urban Institute and consultant to the Brookings Institution, will discuss his new book, *Caring for Our Parents*, which tells of the emotional ups and downs of the families who struggle every day with the care needs of their loved ones.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore the usefulness of stretching before and during exercise.

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

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