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**Health communication lecture**

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Thirty-three years ago, Gary L. Kreps joined IUPUI as an assistant professor in Communication. This week, he returns to IUPUI as a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Communication at George Mason University. He served as the founding Chief of the Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Over his career, he has authored more than 350 books, articles and monographs.

Professor Kreps’ visit is part of Communication Week, March 24 through 28, sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies.

Communication Week kicked off with IUPUI’s Professor Sandra Petronio presenting “The Language of Privacy” at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Campus Center 309. From 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Professor Kreps is available to talk with faculty and students in Campus Center 406. At 1:30 p.m. Friday, Professor Kreps gives his keynote presentation “Communication Inquiry and Health Outcomes” in Campus Center 309, with a reception to follow. During his visit, he will also meet with students, faculty and staff in the Department of Communication Studies as well as the IU Simon Cancer Center.

I’m very happy to welcome an international leader in health communication, an expert on cancer and communication, and a stellar former student of mine back to IUPUI to signal the launch of the health communication Ph.D. program.

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