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Making a difference

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Translational research solves everyday problems people face in their lives by using meaningful, evidenced-based information to address complex social, health, governmental, cultural and relational issues. Translational research intentionally targets a problem and constructs an answer based on evidence.

We recognize that the partnership between an urban campus and its community is most effective when campus contributions are clear. The Center for Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) shares the contributions our faculty make to others and embodies the DNA of IUPUI -- making a difference to communities near and far.

Three distinct approaches characterize translational research. They are:

1. Researchers/scholars who both generate knowledge and utilize the evidence to develop meaningful practices that address problems or issues in everyday life.
2. Knowledge generating researchers/scholars who collaborate or form partnerships with knowledge utilizers to successfully translate the researcher’s evidence into meaningful practices.
3. Scholars specializing in knowledge utilization who translate evidence generated by others into practices.

Several distinguished IUPUI scholars will present their translational research and illustrate how their projects improve lives at the annual TRIP Community Showcase from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the IUPUI Campus Center Room 450. The highlight of the showcase will be a presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Kline, the 2014 Bantz-Petronio Translating Research Award recipient, who will address “Facial Expression as a Diagnostic Tool for Pulmonary Embolism.”

The public is invited to witness ways in which great minds are channeling considerable knowledge and skills into research that will make a significant impact on our lives.

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