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US News & World Report rankings

US News & World Report ranked IUSM as 47th among the top 50 medical schools in the nation in its newest Best Graduate Schools magazine released April 8.

In Primary Care, IUSM is listed in a four-way tie for 43rd. This is the first time in several years IUSM has been ranked in the category. Tied with IUSM are University of Kentucky, Vanderbilt University and Wright State University.

Other IU graduate school programs to make the rankings include

business, education, law, mathematics, chemistry, physics and biological sciences.

The 2002 rankings will appear in the issue that hit the newsstands April 8. The full rankings also are posted on the magazine's Web site at www.usnews.com.

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JSB History of Medicine Society - April 16

Charles Bonsett, MD, will lecture on The Doctors of Herron-Morton Place, Indianapolis (Camp Burnside-Camp Morton) at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

During the Civil War, the area bordered by Central Avenue and Pennsylvania Street and 19th and 22nd streets, became Camp Morton, a prison camp for Confederate soldiers. The area south of 19th Street became Camp Burnside, location of the Union troops that guarded the prisoners. Both camps had hospital facilities, which will be discussed during the lecture.

The program also will feature information on the history of Herron-Morton Place, which counted among its residents Drs. William Niles Wishard, John Barnhill and Willis Gatch, all recognizable names to the IUSM community.

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Statistical software support

The Center for Statistical and Mathematical Computing, a division of University Information Technology Services, provides support for a number of statistical and mathematical software programs including SPSS, SAS, S-Plus, Matlab, and Maple.

Consulting support is available via telephone, e-mail or walk-in sessions free of charge to the IU community for research and instruction. Limited support is available for other software such as S-Plus, SigmaPlot, SigmaStat, Stata. Answers to the frequently asked statistical and mathematical software computing questions are also available from the UITS Knowledge Base (kb.indiana.edu).

For further information on the services available through the Stat/Math Center, go to www.indiana.edu/~statmath.

The Stat/Math Center also leases a number of statistical/mathematical software packages for departmental and/or personal use. These include SPSS, SAS, Minitab, S-Plus, Matlab, Maple, and SigmaPlot. The cost of the software is often lower than the discounted educational prices offered by the vendors. Contact the Stat/Math Center for the specific statistical/mathematical computing software packages you are interested in acquiring.

SPSS software (Windows, and Macintosh) users might want to note that the SPSS software package (modules include Base, Advanced Models, Regressions Models and Tables) is available for faculty, staff and students of Indiana University for \$5 (media duplication cost) from the IUPUI Bookstore, the Medical School Library IB208, MERP Learning Resource Center in Van Nuys Medical Science Building room B10, and the Union Bookstore.

This Enterprise License Agreement was arranged for the entire IU system through an agreement between UITS and SPSS, Inc. A valid IU identification is required to purchase this SPSS software.

For additional information on statistical and mathematical computing support at IU contact the Stat/Math Center at statmath@indiana.edu, or call 278-4740.

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Schools of Medicine and Law present end-of-life discussion

Faye Girsh, PhD, senior vice president of the Hemlock Society USA and the Hemlock Foundation based in Denver, Colo., will discuss End-of-Life Choices: The Ultimate Civil Liberty at a lecture jointly sponsored by the IU School of Law and IUSM. The 50-minute presentation will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in Inlow Hall, the IU School of Law - Indianapolis.

Dr. Girsh also will speak at the Ethics at Lunch program at noon, Thursday, April 11, in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26. She will be joined in the discussion by Greg Gramelspacher, MD, founder and director of the Program in Medical Ethics at IUSM.

Dr. Girsh, who was a clinical and forensic psychologist in San Diego, was the president and founder of the Hemlock Society of San Diego. She joined the Hemlock Society USA in 1996.

Dr. Girsh received her doctorate from Harvard University and she taught at Morehouse College and at the University of Chicago. She has

published extensively in legal and psychological journals including more than 30 articles on the right to die. In her role of working with litigants in civil and criminal cases, she became involved with the right-to-die movement in 1983 when evaluating a young quadriplegic woman who wished to die through refusal of food and hydration. That right was affirmed 7 years later by the U.S. Supreme Court.

She has debated extensively on college campuses, spoken to civic organizations and in medical and legal settings. She has appeared on numerous TV and radio shows, including Good Morning America, Court TV, Night Line and Talk of the Nation. Internationally, she has spoken in Australia, Switzerland, England and Canada on right-to-die issues.

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AAMC seeks nominees for two awards for outreach programs

The Association of American Medical Colleges is seeking nominations for the 2002 Herbert W. Nickens, M.D. Award, named for the association's first vice president and director of the Division of Community and Minority Programs. The Nickens Award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care. Because Dr. Nickens believed that a multidisciplinary approach was needed to address the educational, societal, and health needs of minorities, nominees are welcome from a wide range of fields.

The Nickens Memorial Lecture at the AAMC's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Nominations must be received by **Wednesday, May 15**.

For additional information, contact Charles Terrell, EdD, Division of Community and Minority Programs, 202.828.0572 or

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The AAMC also is seeking nominations for the 2002 Outstanding Community Service Award, presented annually to a member institution with a longstanding commitment to community service. Nominees must go beyond the traditional service role of academic medicine and reach communities whose needs are not being met by the current health care system.

The Outstanding Community Service Award will be presented at the AAMC's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Nominations must be received by **Friday, April 12.**

For additional information see www.aamc.org/about/awards/ocsa.htm.

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In Print

Bernadette Rodak, MS, associate professor, Clinical Laboratory Science Program, has published the second edition of *Hematology Clinical Principles and Applications*. The book is available through W.B. Saunders and can be found at campus bookstores. In October, a CD version with figures from the text as well as case studies and review questions will be available.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar/>. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To keep the electronic version of Scope as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multi-disciplinary interest will be included.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

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- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into Scope Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty/index.html>

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