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Trustees approve two endowed chairs

The Trustees of Indiana University approved at its April 5 meeting two IUSM faculty title changes.

Scott Shapiro, MD, is the Robert L. Campbell Professor of Neurosurgery and Linda Malkas, PhD, is the Vera Bradley Professor of Oncology. Both appointments are retroactive to March 1.

The Robert L. Campbell Professorship in Neurosurgery was established in 2001 by former students and friends of Dr. Campbell, who joined the IUSM neurosurgery faculty in 1957. He was named director of the Section of Neurosurgery in 1966, a position he held until 1992. He

retired from IUSM in 1994.

Dr. Shapiro graduated from IUSM in 1981 and joined the IUSM faculty in 1987. He was named a full professor of neurosurgery in 1997 and has served as director of the neurosurgery residency program since 1988. Since 1987, he has been director of Adult Cranio-Spinal Neuro-Trauma and Spinal Instrumentation at IUSM.

The Vera Bradley Chair in Oncology was established in 1999 by the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer, Inc. The Foundation was created by Barbara Baekgaard and Patricia Miller, owners of Vera Bradley Designs, to endow breast cancer research. Proceeds from the Vera Bradley Classic, an annual golf and tennis tournament, fund the chair. Vera Bradley was an Indianapolis businesswoman and breast cancer activist.

Dr. Malkas joined the IUSM faculty in January 2002. Previously, she was a professor of pharmacology and experimental biology, of molecular biology, of oncology and toxicology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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Students poised for graduation on Mother's Day

The Class of 2002, some 272 strong, will receive their medical degrees, Sunday, May 12, at the RCA Dome. The class will join with all other graduating Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis students.

The processional begins at 2:30 p.m. with commencement at 3 p.m. Immediately following graduation, the newly graduated physicians will gather on the floor of the RCA Dome to take the Physician oath.

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New ethics and policy issues course offered in fall

A new graduate course "Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research" will be offered this fall at IUPUI. Eric M. Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics and assistant dean of bioethics at IUSM, is the instructor.

This course examines ethical and policy issues that arise from the design and conduct of research involving human participants principally in developing countries. Case studies will highlight the difficulties in setting international standards for such issues as informed consent, the use of placebos and the obligations of public, private and philanthropic sponsors.

The course will discuss current efforts to develop national and international guidelines in research ethics, and offer a policy perspective on the development of ethics review committees, and harmonization of guidelines. It will use an interdisciplinary approach to this subject and guest faculty from other schools and agencies.

This course is appropriate for graduate students in health fields such as medicine, nursing and public health, as well as graduate students in law and liberal arts programs (philosophy, history, sociology, philanthropic studies). The course may also be taken by graduate, non-degree students not currently enrolled in these programs.

The lecture course is M592, section number C942. It will meet from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Fridays in the IU Center for Bioethics conference room in CB 103 at Roudebush VA Medical Center.

For additional information, contact the IUPUI registrar's office at 274-1501. For those not currently enrolled in classes, contact the graduate non-degree program office at 274-1577.

This course also is listed on INSITE Web site at insite.indiana.edu/ under Indianapolis, MHHS.

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AAMC offers minority medical student scholarships

The Association of American Medical Colleges is seeking nominations for Herbert W. Nickens, M.D. Minority Medical Student Scholarships. The scholarships, named for the first vice president and director of the AAMC's Division of Community and Minority Programs, will be given to outstanding minority medical students who have demonstrated leadership in eliminating inequities in medical education and health care.

Scholarship recipients will receive a \$5,000 stipend and a certificate of merit. Each medical school may nominate only one student. Nominees must be a member of an AAMC-designated underrepresented minority group, and must be entering their third year of study.

Nominations must be received no later than **June 28**.

For additional information contact Dexter Allen, AAMC Division of Community and Minority Programs, 202-828-0570, or dallen@aamc.org.

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UITS Bioinformatics support

UITS supports researchers who do biological computing in the areas of genomics, cell biology and molecular biology. Support is provided in the forms of application and technical support and software development.

Application support includes testing and licensing of software that is used by academic departments that analyse molecular data including biology, medicine and anthropology. Technical support includes consulting on data management and choice of algorithms and statistical methods of data analysis. Software development includes assisting researchers developing software that poses challenges for which they lack resources for timely completion.

Bioinformatics software that is available on UITS systems includes:

- Wisconsin GCG package for the analysis of molecular sequences
- SeqWeb which provides a web-based graphical user interface to GCG
- A parallel port of fastDNAm1 that makes use of supercomputers for estimating phylogenies

Under development is a facility for high-volume BLAST sequence searching that can be used to query tens of thousands of sequences against databases.

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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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- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
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