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Williams named H.H. Gregg Professor

Stephen D. Williams, MD, director of the Indiana University Cancer Center, has been named the first H.H. Gregg Professor of Oncology.

Dr. Williams, who also is a professor of medicine at IUSM, has served on

the faculty since 1978. He received his medical degree from IU in 1971 and completed his residency and fellowship at the IU Medical Center.

Dr. Williams specializes in research and treatment of testicular and ovarian germ cell tumors and the long-term impact of ovarian germ cell cancer on the patient and the family. Under his leadership, the IU Cancer Center was designated a National Cancer Institute Clinical Cancer Center in 1999.

The H.H. Gregg Professorship in Oncology was established by H.H. Gregg, Inc. to enhance the cancer program at the medical school. Jerry W. Throgmartin, president and CEO of H.H. Gregg was successfully treated at the IU Cancer Center in 1980 and has since served as a volunteer for the cancer program in the school's first capital campaign in 1993-96. He also serves as chairman of the IU Cancer Center Development Board.

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Indiana access to Public Records Act and electronic mail

All university employees and any others who use university computing resources should be aware that electronic mail, including personal e-mail sent or received by such individuals, may be subject to public disclosure under the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (APRA).

According to a recent advisory opinion issued by the Indiana Public Access Counselor, "there is no exception that generally excludes e-mails from disclosure." Formal Complain 03-FC-82 (a).

While this opinion is not legally binding, the Public Access Counselor is charged with issuing advisory opinions interpreting public access laws. Therefore, users should expect and assume that all records created and maintained in any format, including e-mail (whether personal or business related), are subject to public disclosure pursuant to APRA, unless such

records clearly fall within an exception to the law.

As a public institution, Indiana University is subject to APRA, Ind. Code § 5-14-3-1, *et seq.* The purpose of APRA is to provide the public with information about government operations. The law defines a "public record" broadly as "any writing, paper, report, study, map, photograph, book, card, tape recording, or other material that is created, received, retained, maintained, or filed by or with a public agency and which is generated on paper, paper substitutes, photographic media, chemically based media, magnetic or machine readable media, electronically stored data, or any other material, regardless of form or characteristics.

Ind. Code § 5-14-3-2. Because public policy requires APRA to be liberally construed in favor of disclosure, any public record is subject to disclosure, unless the public agency can demonstrate that it falls under at least one of a specific number of statutory exceptions contained in Ind. Code § 5-14-3-4. By way of illustration only, such exceptions may include patients medical records, information concerning research, intra-agency or interagency advisory or deliberative material, information required to be kept confidential pursuant to other laws, e.g., the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), etc. *Ibid.*

At this time, there is no statutory exception for personal e-mail sent or received. Thus, unless a specific exception applies, all individual users should expect that e-mail, including what they may regard as personal e-mail, is subject to public disclosure. Every individual should use common sense and should expect that any records created in any format may be subject to disclosure.

Although university policy does not prohibit the use of university e-mail for personal use, individuals may wish to obtain private e-mail accounts to send and receive personal e-mail messages, thereby avoiding APRA disclosures.

For questions about this memo, contact Thomas Gannon in the University

Counsel Office, 274-7460.

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Eisenberg Memorial Lecture – Nov. 19

Michael D. Murray, PharmD, MPH and Thomas Inui, MD, MSc from Regenstrief Institute have been awarded the John M. Eisenberg Memorial Lectureship. The lectureship is named in honor of the late director of the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

The lectureship will be presented at Medicine Grand Rounds from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Nov. 19 at Wishard Memorial Hospital, Myers Auditorium by Richard Platt, MD, who is professor and chair of the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Dr. Platt is a renowned epidemiologist with research interests aimed at improving the use, safety and effectiveness of drug therapies, using data from large health plans and other populations.

This lectureship has special meaning to the many IUSM faculty members who were colleagues and friends of John M. Eisenberg, MD, and admired him for his contributions to health services research and health economics. Dr. Eisenberg was committed to ensuring that patients had the highest quality and safest health care possible. The award is provided under the auspices of the AHRQ Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERTs) program through an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer.

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Two IUSM students receive Walther Cancer Institute awards

IUSM students were honored with Dr. J. William Wright Sr. Scholarships Nov. 6 at the Walther Cancer Institute's 18th annual dinner.

Sachin Mehta, MS4, and Mikael Rinne, a combined degree student currently completing his doctoral studies, each received \$5,000 scholarship awards.

The scholarships are given to students in their third or fourth year of medical school or to physicians early in their postgraduate medical education programs. They recognize outstanding clinical accomplishments, academic achievements and a commitment to conducting research related to cancer.

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Recall issued for Washington Manual

A fatal dosage error has appeared in the Washington Manual Internship Survival Guide Series - Pediatrics, 0781743664. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, a publisher of professional health information, is immediately recalling the title.

Guides purchased from LWW can be returned and the names of individuals turning in their copies will be put on back order for the new copy. Those preferring to keep the Guide and wait on the errata, may visit LWW's Web site at www.lww.com to access the errata. This title will be reprinted with a new ISBN.

Questions can be addressed by calling 800-633-1851.

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Prostate cancer pilot project proposals requested

The Central Indiana Prostate Cancer Foundation in conjunction with the Indiana University Cancer Center is inviting pilot proposals for prostate cancer research projects. Funding is scheduled to begin on April 1.

A primary goal of the CIPCF is to stimulate multi-disciplinary and translational research that will decrease the incidence and adverse impact of prostate cancer. Translational research seeks to develop and bring laboratory observations to innovative clinical trials. Applications from all relevant disciplines are welcome.

The duration of funding is one year and the budget should not exceed \$20,000. Applicants must be affiliated with IU and the funds should not be used for fellowship or training purposes. Applicants may have received prior or current extramural research funding, but the proposed project should be separate from previous/current funded projects.

The proposal must target prostate cancer. Preference will be given to those proposals that involve translational research and may lead to extramural funding applications.

Final applications are due by **Friday, Feb. 13.**

The body of the proposal should not exceed three pages. A budget should be included and address the usual categories of personnel, supplies and equipment (which must be justified). A lay description is required on a separate page and will be reviewed by members of the Central Indiana Prostate Cancer Foundation. Ten copies are required. Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee.

Criteria for review are:

1. Scientific merit
2. Prostate cancer relatedness
3. Multidisciplinary and translational nature
4. Potential for subsequent peer reviewed funding

Applications should be sent to

Elizabeth Parsons, IU Cancer Center, 535 Barnhill Dr., Room 455, Indianapolis, IN 46202. For additional information, call 278-0078.

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Research funding available through Showalter Trust Fund

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of the IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as “the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind.”

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee at IUSM. Proposals will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will provide a ranking of the most meritorious proposals, which will be presented to the Showalter Trustees. Funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding beginning July 1, 2004, must be received by the Dean’s Office, School of Medicine, by **Jan. 5**. Submission of the original, 35 complete sets, and an Institutional Route Sheet are required.

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty (non-visiting status) having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust.

Funds awarded this year are expected to be fully expended in the 2004-05

fiscal year, or within the approved award period if longer than one (1) year. However, if there is a need to carry over award funds beyond the initial award period, procedures for a “no-cost” extension request may be obtained by contacting the Dean’s Office Grants Manager.

The same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

In addition, instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm.

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Women’s Center of Excellence Lectures

Monthly lectures, sponsored by the IUSM National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, are from noon to 1 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Pavilion auditorium. The lectures are open to the public.

James Edmondson, MD, will discuss "Osteoporosis" during the Nov. 25 lecture.

For additional information, see the center’s Web site at www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt, or e-mail Tina Darling at tdarling@iupui.edu.

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Wine-tasting party to raise scholarship funds

The IU Faculty Women's Club and the Indianapolis Medical Alliance are sponsoring a wine tasting event to raise money for medical student

scholarships and School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences student scholarships.

The event will be Friday, Jan. 30, but the deadline for reservations is **Friday, Dec. 19**. The cost per person is \$50 and the event will be at the home of IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz and Sandra Petronio, 5801 Sunset Lane. The Robert Mondavi Winery is providing the wine.

Reservations and checks can be mailed to Karen Molitoris, 1213 Alderly Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

For additional information contact Karen Molitoris at 582-1137 or Mariam Holden at 216-1864.

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Don't let the flu stick it to you – get a shot instead

Flu shots for IUSM faculty and staff are available at Occupational Health. Shots are available at no cost to those providing current IU identification.

Students and others wanting flu shots or those without proper university identification will be charged \$18. Flu shots are recommended for any student (except those few who are allergic to the vaccine) who wants to lower his/her risk of getting the flu.

Occupational Health, located on the first floor of Coleman Hall, is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Centennial Celebration orders due Nov. 20

The IUSM Centennial Celebration Sale is winding down for the semester. All orders – including those for holiday gifts -- must be received by Thursday, Nov. 20.

Proceeds from the sales support the IUSM student groups, the American Medical Women's Association and Student National Medical Association.

Orders will be taken through the Centennial Website only at www.medicine.iu.edu/~centen/shop.php4. Merchandise will be shipped through the mail, or special arrangements can be made with the SNMA treasurer Ada Booth for pick up of orders .

Questions regarding the Centennial sale can be forwarded to snma@iupui.edu or albooth@iupui.edu.

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SPSS Version 12 for Windows now available

SPSS Version 12 for Windows now is available from the Campus Bookstore for \$25. The new version has a number of added features including long variable names, identify duplicate cases, output management system, and many more.

For details on SPSS 12's new features, view www.spss.com/spssbi/spss/whats_new.htm.

SPSS for the Macintosh still uses version 11.

For more information about this and other statistical and mathematical software available at IU through the Stat/Math Center, see

www.indiana.edu/~statmath/

E-mail the Stat/Math Center at statmath@indiana.edu.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Nov. 22, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. This week's co-host is Kathy Miller, MD.

Karla Sneegas, executive director, Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, will discuss the agency's success in lowering teen smoking rates in the state. Health issues related to international adoptions will be discussed by James Conway, MD, who founded the International Adoption Clinic at Riley Hospital. Joseph Fitzgerald, MD, IUSM professor of pediatric gastroenterology, will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of celiac disease.

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

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Online IUSM calendars

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

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at www.medicine.iu.edu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm.

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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.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-8722
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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

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