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Miller named Fairbanks Professor

Douglas Miller, MD, is the first Richard M. Fairbanks Professor of Aging Research in the IU Department of Medicine. The IU trustees approved his appointment in January.

Dr. Miller is the associate director of the IU Center for Aging Research, a position he assumed in November 2003, and a scientist in the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. His research specialty is frailty and its complications for urban-dwelling seniors.

Dr. Miller was a professor of internal medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, prior to accepting the IUSM position.

The Fairbanks Professorship was created in 1998 by the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation Inc., which was established in 1986 by the founder and owner of Fairbanks Communications. Richard Fairbanks was a leader and innovator in broadcasting and, among other things, established the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network when he owned and operated WIBC radio.

The Foundation provides financial support to nonprofit organizations in the areas of health care, self-sufficiency, and market-based solutions to social problems.

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All-campus Grand Rounds - March 3

The first biannual School-wide Grand Rounds for students, residents, fellow and faculty will be 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, in the Riley Hospital Outpatient Center auditorium.

"Teaching Professional Values: Why It Matters" will be the topic of William Branch, MD, professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

A breakfast buffet will follow.

The presentation is sponsored by a grant from the Koppaka Family Foundation.

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Educational Research and Development Grants available

The IU School of Medicine is making available \$50,000 to support innovative projects designed to improve medical education. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded for the funding period, July 1 to June 30, 2005.

The deadline for applying is **Monday, April 26**. For additional information, see <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/Grants.htm>.

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Clinical research training grant available

A clinical research training program for physicians, nurses, dentists, doctoral and postdoctoral scientists -- the Clinical Investigator Training Enhancement (CITE) Program - is accepting applicants. This special program allows enrollees to integrate formal research training with a fellowship or faculty position in their own department.

Approximately six credit hours per semester will be offered along with clinical research in one's own discipline. As part of the CITE Program, participants receive a masters of science in clinical research degree through the IU Graduate School.

More detailed information is available at www.regenstrief.org. Questions

can be directed to Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@regenstrief.org, or to the program manager, Suzanne Galbraith at 630-7870.

The program is partially sponsored by a K-30 grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

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Promotion and Tenure Workshops for IUSM faculty

Two informational workshops are being offered to the IUSM faculty on promotion and tenure strategies and tactics.

The workshops will be:

- March 1 - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Hurty Hall C)
- March 15 - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (Fesler Hall 319)

Sample dossiers will be available for review, as well as other helpful information.

Faculty interested in attending one of the workshops need to make reservations no later than five days prior to the session by calling 274-7108. Seating is limited to 30 attendees for the March 15 workshop.

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Applications needed for student leadership symposium

The Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine seeks applications for the Paul Ambrose Health Promotion Student Leadership Symposium June 25-27 in Washington, D.C.

Thirty student leaders from medicine, nursing and physician assistant schools will be selected to participate in skill-based leadership training and education in population-based health care, community organizing, project planning and assessment, media relations, cultural competency, social and behavioral determinants of health, and health care financing and delivery. Students will be expected to engage in health promotion or disease prevention education projects at their institutions or in their communities following the symposium.

Applications are due **Friday, April 16.**

This program is sponsored by a cooperative agreement between ATPM and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and in collaboration with the American Medical Student Association and the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health.

For additional information, contact Bianca Angelino, ATPM, training@atpm.org, or go to www.atpm.org/meetings/PA_Symposium.htm

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PDA Brown Bag Lunch-n-Learn Session II

The second PDA Brown Bag Lunch-n-Learn session will be from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in Van Nuys Medical Sciences Building, B26. The Centers for Medical Education can participate via polycom; contact Mary Beth Nance at mnance@iupui.edu, or Amy Hatfield at ajhatifie@iupui.edu for details.

Unbound Medicine will demonstrate their PDA medical software and the power of the CogniQ platform. Examples of their medical software include

Harrison's Manual of Medicine, Pocket Guide to Diagnostic Tests -- Essentials for PDA, Essentials of Diagnosis & Treatment, CogniQ Pediatrics - Silver, CogniQ Pediatrics - Chief Complaints.

IUSM currently is working with Unbound Medicine to package and discount their products. Information on their products as well as uses for your PDA in a clinical setting will be available at the session.

See the Unbound Medicine Web site at www.unboundmedicine.com/store/ub?cmd=catview for more information.

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Small Business Innovation Research grant seminar

IUSM faculty interested in applying for a federal Small Business Innovation Research grant may consider enrolling in a seminar March 30-31 designed to help R&D-based companies secure federal small business grants.

The seminar is sponsored by the law firm of Baker and Daniels and by Nexpointe Strategies, LLC, an Indianapolis-based business-to-government consulting firm. Coursework developed by Nexpointe's partner, Biotechnology Business Consultants of Ann Arbor, Mich., will be presented.

The cost is \$350 per participant. For more information or to register, contact Nexpointe at (317) 822-6263, or by email at frank@nexpointe.com.

The seminar will be at Baker and Daniels' office, 600 E. 96th St., Suite 600, Indianapolis.

Information about the SBIR program is at www.sba.gov/SBIR. Nexpointe's web site is www.nexpointe.com, Baker and Daniels is at www.bakerdaniels.com, and Biotechnology Business Consultants is at

www.bioconsultants.com.

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Medical Humanities - March 3

"Disability and Disrepute" is the title of the noon, March 3, Seminars in Medical Ethics and Humanities. Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, IU vice chair of radiology, will speak on the topic in the Medical Library Building, room 301-302.

The seminar, which will examine the meaning of disability in our culture, is open to the public but space is limited. Contact Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or jizukac@iupui.edu, by noon, **Monday, March 1**, to reserve a seat and lunch.

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Student loan repayment program

The Indiana State Department of Health offers a student loan repayment option to health care professionals who will provide primary care services in a health professional shortage area (HPSA).

Primary care physicians, primary care nurse practitioners, certified midwives, primary care physician assistants, general practice dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists who have educational loans may qualify. The ISDH has a matching fund grant from the Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources Services Administration to provide loan repayment money to eligible health professionals.

The purpose of the program is to increase the number of primary health care

professionals practicing in HPSAs in Indiana.

The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, March 26**. Applications may be obtained from Janet Chorpenning, Indiana State Department of Health, 2 N. Meridian, St., Indianapolis 46204, or jchorpenni@isdh.state.in.us.

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Combined Seminar Series in March

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Speakers and their topics for March include:

March 3 - Speaker to be announced

March 10 - Leona Samson, PhD, director, Center for Environmental Health Sciences, professor of toxicology and of biological engineering, Ellison American Cancer Society Professor, "Complex Cellular Responses to Alkylating Agents"

March 17 - Yi-Ping Li, PhD, associate staff member, The Forsyth Institute, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, "Functional Genetic Analysis of Mouse Genome Leads the Discovery of Human Disease Genes"

March 24 - Ed Leof, PhD, Topic to be announced

March 31 - Robin Leach, PhD, professor of cellular and structural biology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, "Molecular Genetic Approaches to the Study of Prostate Cancer"

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Geriatrics Conferences in March

Three Geriatrics Conferences are planned for March. They are from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008 A and B.

March 17 - Topic to be announced
Sayed Ali, MD
Geriatric medicine fellow

March 31 - Mild Cognitive Impairment and Neuropsychiatric Testing
Fred Unverzagt, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry
Director of Neuropsychology, Center for Alzheimer Disease
and Related Disorders

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Honors

William Agbor-Baiyee, PhD, is the recipient of the 2004 Joseph T. Taylor Award for Excellence in Diversity. The award was presented Feb. 20 at the 15th Annual Joseph T. Taylor Symposium. Dr. Agbor-Baiyee is director of the Master of Medical Science Program (MSMS) and director of Medical Student Affairs Special Programs for Medical Student Affairs. His diversity efforts with the MSMS program, the medical student prematriculation program and the Indiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program were responsible for his nomination.

Larry Einhorn, MD, distinguished professor, has been appointed to serve a second consecutive term on the American Society of Clinical Oncology Foundation Board. He was president of ASCO from 2000-2001 and served

on the ASCO board of directors from 1981-1984.

Debomoy Lahiri, PhD, professor of psychiatry, is editor of a new journal, *Current Alzheimer Research*. The first issue can be read at www.bentham.org/car. CAR will publish reviews and original research papers on all aspects of Alzheimer's disease.

Robert Patterson, MS 3, is the recipient of the 2004 American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award. He will receive the award at a national leadership conference in March. Patterson is being recognized for his efforts to promote medical education among minorities and diversity issues, including the AMA-sponsored "Doctors Back to School" program.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Feb. 28, 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-hosts are David Crabb, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests include Lisa Sanders, MD, a Yale School of Medicine internist specializing in obesity and weight loss. She is the author of *The Perfect Fit Diet*, which helps people identify if they need to focus on fat, calories or carbohydrates and explains how to personalize a diet plan based on weight loss needs and lifestyle. She will discuss why one diet doesn't fit all people.

IU Family Medicine physician Kevin Gebke, MD, will discuss tips for avoiding injuries related to cold weather and winter sports.

Non-surgical remedies for back pain is the topic of IU Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine specialist Brian Foley, MD.

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>

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