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Fifth IUSM Diversity Week celebration

Stephen Robbins, PhD, a writer and consultant on diversity issues, will present “Unintentional Injustice” to kick off the Jan. 15-19 Diversity Week noon activities at IUSM. His presentation, which is cosponsored by Clarian Health, will be in the Riley Outpatient Center lower level auditorium.

Other lectures will feature insights from some of the nation’s leading educators and physicians including:

- **Tuesday, Jan 16** – Freeman Hrabowski III, PhD, chancellor, University of Maryland Baltimore County, who will present “Beating the Odds in Preparing Minorities for Medical and Bio-medical Research Careers”
- **Wednesday, Jan 17** – Aaron Shirley, MD, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, Jackson, Miss., will conduct pediatric grand rounds and reflect on his experiences in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- **Thursday, Jan 18** – Hilton Hudson II, MD, cardiothoracic surgeon at the University of Chicago and founder of Hilton Publishing Co. and the Health Literacy Foundation, will speak on “Cardiovascular Health Disparities in the Minority Community”
- **Friday, Jan. 19** – Judy Ann Bigby, MD, director, Harvard Medical School Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, will discuss women’s health disparities.

Tuesday through Friday’s presentations will be in the Emerson Hall auditorium. Lunch will be provided

at all five lectures.

IUSM Diversity Week speakers are sponsored by the Student National Medical Association, the IUSM Office of Cultural Diversity and the IUSM Office of Medical Service Learning.

For more information on the 5th Annual Diversity Week Celebration, contact Erica E. Pugh at eepugh@iupui.edu.

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Med students teach drug, alcohol abuse prevention

IU medical, dental and public health students spent time Dec. 1 at Chapelwood Elementary School educating students about substance abuse. The program, Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) is sponsored by the IUSM Office of Medical Service-Learning.

According to Matt Locker, MS 2, and co-coordinator of ASAP with Jeff Levenda, MS 2, the program targets 5th and 6th grade students with a goal of teaching them to make informed decisions not to use drugs and alcohol.

The program usually consists of two meetings with students. The first session focuses on teaching kids the normal physiology of major organs such as the heart, lung, brain, and lungs. A group of graduate students divide the 5th and 6th graders into groups of five to 10 students and spend 15-20 minutes teaching them basic physiology and show the students encapsulated tissues so the kids can see what normal healthy organs look like. At the end of the first meeting, a short quiz is given and awards are presented.

The second visit by IU students focuses on diseased organs, such as a cirrhotic liver or anthracitic lung, demonstrating the disease processes that can be propelled by drug and alcohol abuse. IU students also act out different peer pressure situations that the youth may experience. The same quiz given on the first visit is then given again so the kids can see their improvement in their understanding of the risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

"It's a great opportunity to have a positive impact as a medical student," says Locker. "The kids really look up to us. . . you realize how cool it is when you see a kid's eyes light up when they understand what the heart really does or what a liver is for and how drugs can adversely affect them."

Medical student volunteers are welcome to participate in the ongoing ASAP program. Since 2001, the ASAP program, a partnership among the schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, and the public health program, has been presented to hundreds of youth primarily in the Indianapolis Public Schools. The goal is to expand the program to additional IPS schools and other public school systems in Indianapolis.

The OMSL, directed by Patricia Keener, MD, and Patricia Treadwell, MD, promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.iu.edu/~omsl for more information.

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December speakers for Combined Seminar Series

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series, which meets from 4 to 5 p.m. in the IU Cancer

Research Institute auditorium, has scheduled:

- **Dec. 6** – Merrill Egorin, MD, co-director of the Molecular Therapeutics/Drug Discovery Program and professor of medicine and pharmacology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, “The Relevance of Old-Fashioned Clinical Pharmacology to Modern Antineoplastic Drug Development”
- **Dec. 20** – Gary Kruch, MD, PhD, Fox Chase Cancer Center Medical Science Division, “Involvement of MRP4 in the Pharmacology of Anticancer and Antiviral Agents”

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Mini Medical School continues Dec. 6

The third in the series of Mini Medical School sessions will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Clarian North Medical Center, 116 th and Meridian Streets. Speaking will be Steve Tripple, MD, and J. Andrew Parr, MD, presenting “Your Shin Bone’s Connected to Your... Replacing Joints: New Medicines, New Therapies.”

Seating is limited and open to the first 80 participants. The fee is \$10 per session. Register online at www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine.

The final session of the series will be Wednesday, Dec. 13, with Henry Rodriguez, MD, and Linda DiMeglio, MD, presenting “Hey, Sugar! Get Control of Youth and Adult Diabetes.”

The event includes free parking, refreshments, participant materials and presentations by IUSM faculty. Mini Medical School is a public event sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company, IU Medical Group, and the IUSM Faculty Community Relations Committee.

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Ethics Town Hall Meeting to be Dec. 13

An Ethics Town Hall Meeting will be moderated by Paul Helft, MD, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Methodist Hospital’s Petticrew Auditorium. Offered quarterly within the Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series, the town hall meetings provide a forum for members of Clarian, IUSM and the community to come together for thoughtful discussion of clinical ethics issues in an open mike format.

The audience is invited to propose ethical dilemmas, cases and problems at the meeting for discussion by the entire audience. Priority will be given to issues which have some general interest to the organization at large. Thus, while it is acceptable to bring a specific case which presents an ethical dilemma, the focus of the discussion will be how specific cases raise issues which affect professional staff, patients, and others system-wide.

Dr. Helft, a practicing oncologist, is assistant professor of medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, IU School of Medicine, and director of the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics at Clarian Health.

All events in the Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series provide CME, CEU, and CCE at no charge. Lunch will not be served, but brown bag lunches are welcome. For additional information, contact Patty

Bledsoe at 962-9260 or pbledsoe@clarian.org.

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Caulfield to speak at Center for Bioethics event

Timothy Caulfield, LL.M., will present “Legal and Ethical Challenges in Predictive Health Research: A View from Canada” from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, in the Riley Outpatient Center classrooms A and B. His presentation is supported by grant funding to the IU Center for Bioethics from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation.

Dr. Caulfield also will be available at a reception from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the same area of the ROC.

Caulfield is a Canada research chair in Health Law and Policy and a professor in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. He has been research director of the Health Law Institute since 1993 and is currently the principal investigator on several large interdisciplinary projects exploring the legal and ethical issues associated with emerging biotechnology research.

Large scale human genetic research initiatives hold great promise as a tool for exploring the complex role of genes and the environment in human health. Nations throughout the world, including the UK, Iceland, Estonia and Canada, have invested public funds to develop large biobank initiatives. However, these projects carry great profound legal and ethical challenges particularly in the context of consent and confidentiality. His presentation will address many of these issues.

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Taylor diversity awards nominations sought

IUPUI faculty, staff, and students are invited to submit nominations and applications for the seventh annual Joseph T. Taylor Awards for Excellence in Diversity. Chancellor Charles R. Bantz will present the awards during the Joseph T. Taylor symposium on Feb. 15.

For more information, see www.iupui.edu/diversity/taylor.

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HHMI seeks patient-oriented investigators

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Patient-Oriented Research Investigator Competition will appoint approximately 15 outstanding physician-scientists who have demonstrated originality and productivity as patient-oriented researchers and who show exceptional promise for future research contributions. Applications will be accepted at www.hhmi.org/research/application/por2007 beginning Friday, Jan. 2. The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. (ET) **Tuesday, Jan. 16**. Information about eligibility is available at www.hhmi.org/investigator_por.

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Safety Store offers holiday gift ideas

The holidays are here and, along with gifts and good cheer, safety should be at the top of everyone's list. Riley Hospital's Safety Store has the products needed to help keep families safe this holiday season and throughout the year.

Visit the Safety Store, located in the Riley Outpatient Center adjacent to the Over the Rainbow Gift Shop, to purchase low-cost safety products such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, cabinet locks, winter sport helmets, fire extinguishers and baby safety gates. Trained Safety Store educators are available to answer questions about products or general child safety.

Give the gift of a safe home with Safety Store gift certificates, now available for purchase. Gift certificates make great stocking stuffers.

The Safety Store is open to all Riley families, guests, Indiana families, and IUPUI and Clarian employees. The Safety Store accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, JAGTAG, and Clarian payroll deduction.

Operated by Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department in partnership with the Cheer Guild, the Safety Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed holidays.

For more information, call 274-6565 or visit <http://www.rileyhospital.org/document.jsp?locid=125>.

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Methodist Hospital radiology open house

The radiology department at Methodist Hospital will host an open house at its renovated and expanded MRI suite from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. The suite is in the Methodist Professional Center, outpatient radiology department, basement level.

Methodist has added the latest development in clinical scanning technology, a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner, to its existing comprehensive imaging services. The MRI suite also houses two 1.5 Tesla MR I, which is the industry standard, and one .7 Tesla open MR I to accommodate patients with special needs.

For more information about Methodist's new MRI equipment or any of the radiology services, call 962-8855.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 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. Co-hosts of this week's program are Ora Pescovitz, MD, Kathy Miller, MD, and Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

This week, Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics, will discuss the many political issues surrounding the health care industry.

Age-related macular degeneration is a common eye disease that causes deterioration of the macula, the

central area of the retina. Thomas Ciulla, MD, a retina specialist with the Midwest Eye Institute, talks about Lucentis, a new drug treatment for AMD.

“The First Year – Age-Related Macular Degeneration: An Essential Guide for the Newly Diagnosed” is a resource for those patients who want to be informed and actively involved in managing their condition. The author, Dan Roberts, is a visually-impaired educator and musician who founded MD Support, an international non-profit service organization for people diagnosed with macular degeneration. He will share his personal experiences with *Sound Medicine* listeners.

World Aids Day, established by the World Health Organization, is an international day of action on HIV and AIDS. Joe Mamlin, MD, professor emeritus of medicine at IUSM and co-founder of the partnership between IU and Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, continues a two-part discussion on his program and how it is affecting the community.

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

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Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at cme.medicine.iu.edu.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [the new Scientific Calendar website](#). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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