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Shekhar named to translational research positions

Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, has been appointed director of the Indiana Clinical Translational Research Institute and associate dean for translational research at IUSM. His appointment to the newly created position was effective Feb. 1.

Dr. Shekhar is the Raymond E. Houk Professor of Psychiatry, professor of pharmacology and toxicology and director of the IU Anxiety Disorders Center.

He received his medical degree from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, India, and his doctorate in medical neurobiology from IU. He has been a member of the IUSM faculty since 1989.

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Westmoreland named effective communication competency director

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, has been named the competency director for effective communication. Dr. Westmoreland is an associate professor of clinical medicine and is a geriatrician with extensive experience in medical education. Currently, she serves as the director of geriatrics education, a position she has held since 1997. Her responsibilities in this role include coordinating geriatric education at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

As competency director she will serve on the IUSM Curriculum Council and be responsible for

overseeing the implementation of this competency across the undergraduate medical education curriculum.

Dr. Westmoreland replaces Kathleen Zoppi, PhD, MPH, who accepted a position with Community Hospitals as a behaviorist in residency training and behavioral science.

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Deadline set for external award, fellowship applications

Each year the Indiana University School of Medicine Awards Committee serves to evaluate and select eligible candidates for external limited submission awards, fellowships and grants. These are external awards and fellowships that are *available by invitation only*. Potential candidates may NOT apply directly to the specific foundations for these awards; often only one candidate per school can be nominated.

IUSM is announcing a call to solicit applications for these limited submission awards. Although the foundation application deadlines span the entire year, the evaluation and selection process occurs only once during the spring.

In order for candidates to be considered in this selection process, the IUSM Awards Committee requests that a preliminary application for the program of interest, together with the candidate's CV and a short statement of rationale from the nominator, be submitted to the IUSM Dean's Office (Attn: Jan Walther) in electronic format no later than **Sunday, April 1**. The list of potential awards, with links to the sponsoring agency that can provide more detailed information about the award, can be found at medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=1261&oTopID=211.

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Nominations sought for staff awards

Each year IUPUI Staff Council recognizes outstanding staff with the Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award and through the Staff Making A Difference Recognition Program. Nominations are sought of staff members who exemplify the characteristics detailed below.

Gerald L Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award Nominations (accepted Jan. 22 - March 2) – The "spirit" of IUPUI is demonstrated by one's attitude, acts of loyalty, teamwork, and contribution to the mission, goals, and strategic initiatives of the university. Nominations can be submitted at www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/Spirit/nomination.html.

Staff Making A Difference Recognition Nominations (accepted Jan. 22 - March 2) – IUPUI staff members will be recognized through the month of March for making a difference in their communities at work and/or home. If you would like to nominate someone for recognition through "Staff Making a Difference," see www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/Membership/make-difference.doc.

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Conflict resolution topic at LAMP – Feb. 12

The Monday, Feb. 12, Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) will focus on two skills of undeniable importance for a career in academic medicine – conflict management and negotiation. This session, which will be in the Riley Outpatient Center, rooms A and B, from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m., will provide practical skills for managing conflict and for conducting a range of negotiations.

To register for this meeting, contact Kelli Diener at 278-5461, or kas1@iupui.edu.

“No matter what your ultimate career destination, your steps in getting there should be to improve your skills, obtain additional specialized education, serve your department or school in areas that will also benefit you, and become involved with the appropriate professional societies. In addition, there is one more thing that every faculty member should know, and that is how to negotiate. You can read books on this, take courses, or attend workshops, but however you acquire the skill, learn it well! The ability to negotiate is the single most important element of implementing your career design and achieving your destination.

-- Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Career Development In Academic Medicine (2005).

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Warner guest at Conversations at Tea Time

IUPUI Interim Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Government Relations Amy Conrad Warner will speak at Conversations at Tea Time, Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the IUPUI Faculty Club in the University Place Conference Center. The event will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Afternoon tea, with light refreshments, will be complimentary. Other libations, such as wine or sherry, will be available for purchase. Please RSVP to Stephanie at 274-7014 or facclub@iupui.edu.

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Merrill S. Davis Lecture – Feb. 21

Joseph P. Vacanti, MD, the Merrill S. Davis Lectureship Visiting Professor, will speak at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Emerson Hall auditorium. His lecture is entitled “Tissue Engineering: Mimicking the Architecture of the Human Machine for Living Replacement Structures.”

Dr. Vacanti, is the John Homans Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, surgeon-in-chief at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, and director of the Laboratory of Tissue Engineering and Organ Fabrication at Massachusetts General Hospital. The lecture is sponsored by the IU Department of Surgery.

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FEED: Presenting an effective lecture – Feb. 28

“Light the Fire: Don’t Fill the Bucket – How to give an Effective Lecture” will be the topic of discussion Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the FEED workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. on the lower level auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

Faculty often find themselves in a position in which they've been asked, or it's easiest, to lecture. During this highly interactive session workshop, participants will discuss when a lecture format is most appropriate, how to structure a lecture for maximum effectiveness, and how to engage learners during a lecture.

Participants will:

- Discuss the appropriate use of the lecture approach to teaching.
- Outline various ways to engage learners during a lecture.
- Identify how they can enhance their lectures

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Roberta Brown at <mailto:%20rabrown2@iupui.edu> or call 630-6906.

Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) present quarterly workshops on key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine's continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

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IUCC accepting internship applications

High school and undergraduate students planning cancer research careers may get some hands-on experience this summer working with physicians and researchers at the Indiana University Cancer Center.

Applications are being accepted for the nine-week IU Cancer Center Summer Research Program, June 4 to Aug. 3. The program seeks to increase the number of cancer researchers among underrepresented groups. Information about the program and applications are available through the IU Cancer Center's web site at <http://www.cancer.iu.edu/>. The deadline for submitting applications is **Thursday, March 1**. Applicants will be notified by April 1.

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IUSM Trustee Teaching Awards call for nominees

Each year the Indiana University Board of Trustees recognizes excellence in teaching through a program known as the Trustee Teaching Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award receive a stipend, have their names displayed on a plaque, and are recognized at award ceremonies at IUSM and at IUPUI. In addition the IUSM awardees are recognized at the medical school commencement in May.

This year the criterion of excellence in teaching is the primary factor for selection. IUSM leaders anticipate that 37 outstanding IUSM teachers will receive the award this year but help is needed in identifying the school's best teachers.

Submit the names of faculty you would like to nominate for this prestigious award to meca@iupui.edu by **Wednesday, Feb. 28**. When submitting your nomination, indicate your university status (student, resident/fellow or faculty) and include the nominee's department. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Information regarding the award is available at meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/TTA.htm.

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AAMC seeks nominations for Nickens awards

The AAMC is soliciting nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens faculty fellowship and medical student scholarships. Nominations for all three awards must be received by **Monday, April 2**.

The Herbert W. Nickens Award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to efforts that promote justice in medical education and provide equal health care for all Americans. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 award at the AAMC's 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Nominees may come from the fields of medicine, education, law, nursing, public health, or social sciences.

The Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care. The fellowship recipient will receive a \$15,000 grant to support his or her academic and professional activities over a 2-year period.

The Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal and health care needs of minorities. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

For more information contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Diversity Policy and Programs, at NickensAwards@aamc.org, or go to www.aamc.org/about/awards.

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IU-Kenya Partnership benefit art show

A benefit for the IU-Kenya Partnership – Skies.Stripes.Red.Roar – will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Studio School and Gallery, 5610 E. Washington. The benefit will feature paintings, giclées, photographs, custom coffee-table books and other art inspired by a trip to Kenya and Tanzania.

The preview art show will begin at 5 p.m. and the cost is \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door. Representatives from the IU-Kenya Partnership and the artist, Quay Kester, will be present. The general show will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Students are \$15.

See studioschoolgallery.com/IUKenyaBenefitFEB10.htm for a sneak preview of the art and to order tickets.

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Sound Medicine Special Report: AIDS pandemic in Kenya

Sound Medicine host Barb Lewis will report on the impact of HIV/AIDS on the people in western Kenya and share her insights on that country's struggle with one of the world's most deadly pandemics. Her series will air on Indiana public radio stations that broadcast *Sound Medicine* for four weekends in February.

In the Indianapolis area, *Sound Medicine* airs Sundays at 4 p.m. on WFYI FM 90.1.

This week, Lewis will focus on the diminishing food supply in Kenya and how it directly affects the HIV patients in the African country. Grace Etyyang, PhD, professor of public health at Moi University in Eldoret, and Judith Ernst, DMSc, associate professor in the IU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, developed a nutrient and protein packed biscuit to provide nourishment to HIV-positive women. The two professors will discuss the program and describe the daily heart-breaking task of watching the women eat each biscuit so they don't succumb to the temptation to pass it to their hungry children.

Also in the series:

Feb. 18 -- Creating jobs for the women who are abandoned by their families because of their HIV status.

Feb. 25 -- The plight on the youngest victims of AIDS who are abandoned and abused by adults fearful of HIV.

Also, on *Sound Medicine* this weekend, *Sound Medicine* co-host David Crabb, MD, will speak with Eric Rimm, ScD, associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health. More than 65 million Americans suffer from high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, putting them at greater risk for heart disease and stroke. Alcohol has been known to increase this risk, specifically in men. Although, a recent study appearing in the January 2007 issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine* discovered one to two drinks daily is associated with a decreased risk of fatal and non fatal heart attacks in men. Dr. Rimm has published a number of articles on the relationship between alcohol consumption and heart disease, and he talks about his participation in the study.

Other guests will include Lawton Cooper, MD, a researcher at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, who will discuss the 1.1 million Americans who suffer a heart attack each year and the length of time it takes to receive treatment.

Dangerously high levels of LDL, or bad cholesterol, create plaque build-up in the arteries and can cause heart disease. Many of the 25 million Americans affected usually are tested by a nurse or a doctor. However, an Indianapolis-based company, Polymer Technology Systems, invented CardioChek, a device allowing patients to check their own cholesterol at home and take action to improve their cardiovascular health. Bob Huffstodt, CEO of Polymer Technology Systems, talks about the device and how easy it is to operate.

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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Scope submission guidelines

Scope wants your news items.

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

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

- 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)

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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