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IU programs ranked by U.S. News

Several IU graduate programs, particularly involved in the state's health and life science efforts, education and business, are ranked among the best in the latest edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools."

Primary care programs at IUSM saw a significant improvement in U.S. News' ranking, moving from 33rd a year ago to 16th, and its research ranking improved to 44th.

The School of Nursing was ranked 15th and had two top 10 clinical nursing specialties -- adult medical-surgery, which was third, and psychiatric health, sixth.

For more information on IU's rankings, see www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=660.

The full rankings by *U.S. News & World Report* will be released to the public on Monday, April 2, in the book *America's Best Graduate Schools*, and many of the rankings will appear in the magazine's issue that will go on sale that day. The full rankings will be posted on the magazine's Web site at <http://www.usnews.com/>.

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Spring House Calls

Since the spring season has sprung and the sun is shining, IUSM medical students are preparing for their annual service project sponsored by the Office of Medical Service- Learning.

Spring House Calls provides home and lawn maintenance for elderly, disabled and minority homeowners in two inner-city neighborhoods located to the north and west of the IUPUI campus.

On Saturday, April 14, volunteers will gather at the Christamore House, a community facility, to load supplies for planting flowers, cutting grass, removing weeds and performing other maintenance.

After 10 successful years, the program has become the largest and oldest service-learning project of the Office of Medical Service-Learning. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, go to <http://www.springhousecalls.org/> or email Zachary Tempel at ztempel@iupui.edu.

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Students host Best Buddies run/walk

The Best Buddies Indiana Dash for Friendship is a 5K run/walk along the White River State Park Canal in downtown Indianapolis scheduled for Sunday, April 15. The event, which begins at 9 a.m., includes a competitive run as well as a fitness walk and is open to all ages.

The deadline for pre-registration is **Monday, April 9**. The schedule and registration information are available at <http://www.bestbuddiesindiana.org/> or www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=220025 Please note "IUPUI/IUSM" under Student/Faculty member in the additional info section. A student/faculty discount rate of \$15 (t-shirts available on first come, first serve basis) is offered during pre-registration.

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships.

For more information about either event or if you would like to make a donation, contact Missy Spurr, MS4 at mispurr@iupui.edu or visit <file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/gfitzger/Desktop/Scope%20Drafts/www.bestbuddiesindiana.org>.

The program is part of the Office of Medical Service Learning, directed by Patricia Keener, MD, and Patricia Treadwell, MD, which promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.iu.edu/~omsl for more information.

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Medical student summer internship

Are you an IUSM first-year student looking for a summer internship? The Dean's Office for Medical Student Affairs invites any student currently enrolled at IUSM and in good academic standing to apply for the MSA summer internship position.

This program is designed to place IUSM medical students with professionals in student affairs and medical education. Students will develop projects involving particular aspects of the medical school experience they wish to investigate and make recommendations for strengthening the program.

The internship is 8- to 10-weeks long and students are paid \$400 per week. The deadline for applying is **Monday, April 9**. For additional information, contact Mary Alice Bell at mbell@iupui.edu, or see [MSA internship](#).

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IUSM Helping Hands Project – Call for Submissions

The IUSM Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, in collaboration with the Mindfulness in Medicine group and the Relationship-Centered Care Initiative, invite submissions for inclusion in an upcoming publication and/or exhibition of creative work tentatively entitled "Helping Hands: Reflections on Humanity in Medicine." Submission of photographs, artwork, essays, narratives, poetry, journal entries and other forms of printable creative expression are welcome.

Works will be chosen for inclusion in a publication and/or a public exhibition at IUSM.

We want to see your stories and your pictures. Tell us about a person, experience, piece of art, or life moment that conveys something about what it means to give or receive a "helping hand." For example, stories about: interactions with patients, students, staff, faculty, health care providers, hospital volunteers or others who have helped you to learn and grow; patients or patient families helping, teaching, and supporting others:

- help with illness, coping, loss, or professional challenges; volunteer experiences;
- a life moment that helped to illuminate a certain particular path to take;
- receiving support from a team or helping as a team member;
- the helping contributions of less visible or "unsung" members of our community... the possibilities are endless.

For more information regarding submissions, visit the website at:

<http://meded.iusm.iu.edu/helpinghands>. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 11**.

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Combined Seminar Series for April

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series speakers and topic for April:

- **April 4** – Sean Morrison, PhD, research associate professor, Life Sciences Institute Department of Internal Medicine – Division of Molecular Medicine and Genetics and Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, "Stem Cell Self-Renewal Versus Cancer Stem Cell Maintenance," 4 p.m., (note

location change) Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

- **April 18** -- Barbara Anderson, PhD, professor, Department of Psychology Ohio State University , “Biobehavioral Aspects of Cancer,” 4 p.m., IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

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IUSM Day at the Statehouse – April 5

The IUSM Day at the Statehouse will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5. The original event, planned for March 8, was postponed due to a schedule conflict with the funeral of Sen. Anita Bowser.

IUSM faculty and students from Terre Haute, Gary, South Bend, Lafayette, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Fort Wayne, Muncie and Evansville will be at the Statehouse north atrium with hands-on exhibits and information to show our lawmakers how doctors are educated today. The faculty and students will update legislators on the school’s impact on the life sciences initiative and its effect on the Hoosier economy, discuss the school’s plans to increase Indiana’s physician workforce, and share information on how medical research improves patient care.

Come show your support for the School of Medicine.

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Cutting Edge lecture series

The third of five IUPUI Cutting Edge lectures will be “A View of Central Indiana in 2040” presented by John Ottensmann, PhD, professor of public and environmental affairs and associate director of the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment. The Thursday, April 5, lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the University Library Lilly Auditorium.

For more information on the series, see www.opd.iupui.edu/announce/lecture_series/index.htm.

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Promotion, tenure and contract workshops

Two of the informational workshops on promotion, tenure and long-term appointment contracts offered to the IUSM faculty will be:

- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Research
April 5 at 8 to 9:30 a.m. in Fesler Hall 319
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Service
April 9 at 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Fesler Hall 319

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

Contact Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu to make reservations – seating is limited to 25.

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Pescovitz keynote speaker at IUPUI Office for Women anniversary

Ora Pescovitz, MD, president and CEO of Riley Hospital, will present the keynote address at the luncheon marking the 10th year anniversary of the IUPUI Office for Women. The event is being held at noon Tuesday, April 10, at the University Place Hotel.

Chancellor Charles Bantz, PhD, will make opening remarks at the event. Special recognition will be given to those who led the way in establishing the office and the Commission on Women. Former directors and staff of the office, Kathleen Warfel, Kimberly Quaid de Cordon, Rebecca Van Voorhis, and Rebecca Porter, chair of the Task Force on the Status of Women, will be among those recognized.

Tickets are available at \$50 “supporter”, \$100 “advocate” or \$250 “patron” levels. Tables of 8 are also available at \$350. All proceeds go to the Indiana University Foundation, Office for Women Operating Account.

Ticket information is available at [IUPUI Office for Women 10th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon Order Form](#). For additional information, contact Kathy Grove at 278-3600 or ksgrove@iupui.edu.

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FEED Series: Managing Difficult Conversations

“Managing Difficult Conversations” will be examined by Steven Bogdewic, MD, at the Wednesday, April 11, Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) Series hosted by the IU Department of Medicine. The workshop will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lower level conference rooms A and B of the Riley Outpatient Center.

The workshop will help faculty develop the skills necessary to identify barriers and use strategies for managing difficult conversations by demonstrating the use of conversation cafes as a means to deal with complexity.

The program begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner and group sessions begin at 5:20 p.m. Faculty interested in attending should e-mail Roberta Brown at <mailto:dskatrud@iupui.edu>, or call 630-6906.

FEED is a quarterly series offering 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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AADR new president to speak at Dentistry’s Annual Research Day

Marc Heft, PhD, DMD, newly elected president of the American Association for Dental Research, will deliver the keynote address at the IU School of Dentistry’s 15th Annual Research Day, Wednesday,

April 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

His 45-minute talk, titled "Embracing Individual Differences," begins at 1:15 p.m. at the Dental School, room S116.

Heft is professor and interim chair of the University of Florida's Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Diagnostic Sciences. He also is the director of Claude Pepper Center for Research in Oral Health in Aging. His primary research interests are in gerontology, sensory aging, geriatric dentistry, and pain assessment in humans.

Research Day features nearly 70 IU-generated research posters and table clinics, including projects that were recently presented by faculty, students and staff at the American Association for Dental Research conference in New Orleans.

Research Day is free and open to all university faculty, staff and students. For more information, contact Dr. Judith Chin, jchin@iupui.edu.

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Indiana's eugenics history explored

The history and legacy of the century since Indiana enacted the world's first eugenics law will be explored in an April 12 symposium and an exhibit opening the same day at the Indiana State Library. Both events are free and open to the public.

The symposium will examine the relevance of the history of sterilization and other eugenic measures to contemporary issues in human genetics, public health, reproductive health, mental health and the law.

The exhibit "Fit to Breed? The History and Legacy of Indiana Eugenics, 1907-2007," at the Indiana State Library continues through late August. It takes visitors on a thought-provoking historical journey through Indiana eugenics, with a glimpse into Indiana's genetic future.

The symposium will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., also at the Indiana State Library. Speakers will include Daniel Kevles, historian and author of *In the Name of Eugenics* and Joe Palca, award winning science journalist.

In 1907 Indiana Gov. Frank Hanly signed into law the Compulsory Sterilization Law of Indiana, a bill providing for involuntary sterilization "to prevent procreation of confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles and rapists." Found unconstitutional by the Indiana Supreme Court 14 years later, a revised bill was enacted in 1927 applying to "inmates of state institutions, who are insane, idiotic, imbecile, feeble-minded, and epileptic, and who by the laws of heredity are the probable potential parents of socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted." This law remained in force until repealed by the Indiana General Assembly in 1974.

The exhibit was created in partnership with the Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through August 31.

To register for the April 12 symposium, contact Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or jizukac@iupui.edu. For further information, including online resources, visit the official Indiana Eugenics: History & Legacy website at www.bioethics.iupui.edu/Eugenics/index.htm.

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One-man ‘traumedy’ performance to be May 11

On Friday, May, 11, IUSM will host a special event. Brian Lobel, a former testicular cancer patient who received his care at the IU Cancer Center, has developed a one man show, BALL, which enacts his experience with testicular cancer.

With support from the IU Cancer Center and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine, Lobel will be on campus for two performances on Friday, May 11:

- Cancer Center Grand Rounds, 7:30 a.m., room 101 in the Cancer Pavilion
- General performance and question/answer session, 1:30-3 p.m. in Myers Auditorium at Wishard Memorial Hospital

Students, residents and faculty are encouraged to attend the performance.

Lobel has performed BALL at medical schools across the country and internationally, including McGill University in Montreal, Canada, Ben Gurion University in Beersheva, Israel.

BALL was the recipient of the 2004 Hopwood Drama Award from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and Lobel is the recipient of a 2006 CAAP Grant for New and Emerging Artists from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information, see Lobel’s website at brianlobel.freesevers.com/BALL1.htm.

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Cancer Research Day abstracts sought

Indiana University Cancer Center is accepting abstracts for posters to be presented at Cancer Research Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 2.

Categories include basic science, translational/clinical research or population science and individual laboratories may submit multiple abstracts.

Cash awards for best posters by graduate students and by post-doctoral/medical fellows in all three research categories will be selected by a review board and presented by Stephen D. Williams, MD, IU Cancer Center director and School of Medicine associate dean of cancer research, following the keynote address that afternoon.

For more information about the IU Cancer Center Cancer Research Day, including guidelines for abstract submission, visit www.cancer.iu.edu/crd. Submit all abstracts electronically to chasmill@iupui.edu by **Friday, April 13**.

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Input sought on embryonic stem cell research

The National Academies’ Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee seeks input at one of the Advisory Committee’s regional meetings on the oversight of human embryonic stem (hES) cell research.

The Advisory Committee was established in 2006 to monitor developments in hES cell research and prepare updates, as needed, to the National Academies' *Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research*. These guidelines, released in 2005, were prepared to enhance the integrity of hES cell research by encouraging responsible practices in the conduct of that research; the first set of amendments was released earlier this month. See www.nationalacademies.org/stemcells for more information including a copy of the guidelines and the 2007 Amendments.

Input from the user community is an important source of information as the Advisory Committee discusses possible revisions to the Guidelines. To engage those involved in stem cell research oversight around the country in discussion, the committee is planning a series of regional meetings in spring 2007. The first regional meeting was held Feb. 19 in Irvine, Calif. Remaining meetings are Tuesday, April 24, at Northwestern University and Monday, June 11, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. See www.nationalacademies.org/stemcells for complete information about the meetings and registration.

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Education Research and Development Grants

IUSM offers Educational Research and Development Grants to stimulate educational research and development. The funding supports innovative projects designed to improve medical education. It is anticipated that grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded this year for the funding period June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008. For more information, see meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/ERD.htm. Deadline for submission is **Tuesday, May 1**.

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AAMC seeks nominations for major awards

The Association of American Medical Colleges seeks nominations for seven of its major, national awards honoring individuals and programs making significant contributions to the academic medicine community. The awards will be presented at the association's annual meeting (Oct. 31-Nov. 5) in Washington, D.C. Awards include:

- Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education – for sustained contributions to American medical education. Nominations are due May 4.
- Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards – recognizes faculty for significant contributions to medical education. Nominations are due May 31.
- Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences – recognizes exceptional research discoveries. Nominations are due May 4.
- David E. Rogers Award – for major contributions to improving health and health care. Nominations are due May 4.
- Herbert W. Nickens Award – for outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care. Nominations are due April 2.
- Humanism in Medicine Award – recognizes a physician faculty member who is a caring and compassionate teacher and mentor to medical students. Nominations are due April 16.

- Outstanding Community Service Award – recognizes an institution for longstanding commitment to addressing community needs. Nominations are due May 4.

For more information, see www.aamc.org/about/awards/start.htm.

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Biostatistics for health-care providers: A short course

The IUSM Division of Biostatistics will offer a short course (formerly known as Biostatistics for Physicians) on basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health-care literature. The course on May 7, 9 and 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. will be open to faculty, fellows, residents, interested students and staff. Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

See www.biostat.iupui.edu/ShortCourse/2007/Spring/index.htm for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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Learn more about the MPH program

Want to know more about the Master of Public Health Program? Attend the informational session from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the IUSM Department of Public Health, 714 N. Senate.

Faculty, staff and students will be available to provide an overview of the program and answer any questions you might have. RSVP your attendance to Leah at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765.

If you are not available to attend the April 17 information session and would like to learn more about the MPH Program, individual appointments are available by calling 278-0765.

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IUPUI Staff Council Blood Drive April 17

Join the IUPUI Staff Council from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday April 17 th for its first “Let’s Get Stuck Together!” blood drive. A record number of donors – 180 donors – are needed.

The Indiana Blood Center will staff two bloodmobiles :

- On the south side of Fesler Hall
- University College courtyard area (near the corner of Michigan St. and University Blvd.)

The Indiana Blood Center provides blood and blood products to 46 hospitals. Central Indiana hospital patients need more than 3,000 units of blood products each week. For more information about donor requirements, see www.indianablood.org/donating.cfm. Everyone who attends the drive and registers to donate will receive a t-shirt and a magnet, even if they do not pass the initial donor screening.

Save the date and save a life. Register to donate at fd2.formdesk.com/iupuistaffcouncil/blood-drive

Lilly Oncology on Canvas exhibit at Indiana Cancer Pavilion

The IU Cancer Center CompleteLife Program is host to 200 selected pieces of artwork from the 2006 Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey international art competition and exhibition. The month-long exhibit, which closes Saturday, April 7, is free and open to the public.

The exhibit is open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey is presented by Eli Lilly and Co. in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. Lilly Oncology on Canvas was created in 2004 to honor the journeys people face when confronted with a cancer diagnosis. The biennial competition invites people diagnosed with any type of cancer, their families and friends, cancer advocates, health-care providers, as well as artists and art students to express, through art and in narrative, their own cancer journeys. This year the competition received more than 2,000 entries from 43 countries. The art is currently touring the world, inspiring others on their cancer journeys.

Rothenberg as artist

Ob/Gyn Assistant Professor Jeffrey Rothenberg's artistic pursuit is featured in "A Glass Act" in the March issue of the AAMC Reporter. The story can be read at www.aamc.org/newsroom/reporter/march07/backpage.htm.

Dr. Rothenberg is medical director for the Coleman Center for Women at IU Hospital.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 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, Jean Molleston, M.D., will discuss her role in a national study of treatments for fatty liver disease in children and young adults. Nearly one-third of U.S. children are overweight and more than 15 percent are being diagnosed with fatty liver disease, which can lead to scarring and serious health problems, including the potential need for a liver transplant in adulthood. Dr. Molleston, is a clinical professor of pediatrics at IU School of Medicine and director of pediatric gastroenterology at Riley Hospital for Children

Head lice are small, wingless insects that feed on human blood and lay eggs near the root of human hair. In the U.S., six to 12million children contract lice every year causing a high number of missed school days for students and missed work days for parents. Most school policies require lice-infested kids to stay home for up to 10 days. Richard Pollack, a public health entomologist at the Harvard School of Public Health, discusses why he advocates allowing children with lice to stay in class.

A recent study at Rush Medical College in Chicago found that depression is wide spread among

medical students,. One in eight medical students suffer from major symptoms such as sleep disturbance, pessimism, sense of failure, suicidal wishes and loss of sex drive. Suzanne Kunkle, Ph.D., director of counseling services at IU School of Medicine, explains why so many of the students are depressed and how medical schools can lighten the psychological and emotional burdens placed on students.

In the early years of the 20 th century, reformers and progressives supported eugenics, a social transformation movement promising to improve the human gene pool by discouraging reproduction by people deemed inferior and degenerate. Indiana was the first state to put it into official practice, enacting a sterilization law in 1907. On April 12, a symposium at the Indiana State Library will focus on the history of eugenics in Indiana and how lessons learned can be applied in modern-day society. William Schneider, Ph.D., professor of history at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and Eric Meslin, Ph.D., director of the IU Center for Bioethics, examine the legacy of eugenics in Indiana and how it affected communities.

The days of doctors learning their skills on real patients may come to an end due to medical simulation, a training opportunity for repetitive practice in a no-risk environment. Allan Coukell, a health reporter from Boston's WBUR-FM, explains why medical simulation is revolutionizing the traditional apprenticeship model of medical training.

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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