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Learman named chair of OB/GYN

Lee A. Learman, MD, PhD, has been named chairman of the IUSM Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Learman is a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences and of epidemiology and biostatistics at University of California , San Francisco School of Medicine. He joined the UCSF faculty in 1994.

At UCSF, Dr. Learman served as the OB/GYN site director for medical student and resident education at San Francisco General Hospital . He also served as the school's OB/GYN residency program director from 2000-2007, and in 2006 was appointed director of curricular affairs in the UCSF School of Medicine's Office of Graduate Medical Education.

He has been honored with numerous teaching awards for teaching, program administration and educational scholarship, including selection for membership in UCSF's Academy of Medical

Educators . On the national level, Dr. Learman serves on multiple educational organizations and committees involved in medical education and has served in various leadership roles within these organizations. He frequently is featured in continuing medical education programs for practicing physicians.

In his practice, Dr. Learman is a general obstetrician and gynecologist with a clinical specialty in diagnosing and treating chronic pelvic pain. His research interests include hysterectomy techniques and predictors, effectiveness of medical and surgical treatments, and quality of life outcomes following treatments for abnormal uterine bleeding, uterine fibroids and pelvic pain.

Dr. Learman received doctorates in medicine and social psychology from Harvard University in an MD/PhD program funded by the MacArthur Foundation. He completed his residency training at the University of California , Los Angeles .

In addition to serving as OB/GYN chair, Dr. Learman will direct the IUSM National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. He will start both roles Aug. 1, following approval by the Trustees of Indiana University.

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Spring Faculty Meeting – May 6

The IUSM Spring Faculty Meeting will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. The agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
Approval of the Minutes of the Fall Faculty Meeting of 10/30/07
Dean A. Hawley, MD, President of the Faculty
2. **School of Medicine Faculty Teaching Award**
Honoree Introduced by Richard L. Schreiner, MD
3. **Dean's Business – D. Craig Brater, MD**
“State of the School” and report on the Indiana Clinic
4. **Questions and Answers**
5. **President's Business**
 - a. ASR/3D Continuing Discussions
 - b. Non-tenure Track Faculty Participation in School Committees/Faculty Governance
 - c. Process for Development of Metrics of Quality of Teaching Effort
 - d. Steering Committee Support for Center Faculty Engaged in Increased Teaching Loads Due to School Expansion
6. **Standing Committee Reports – Written Reports are Available.**
Academic Standards, Biomedical Research, Clinical Faculty
Contract/Promotions, Community Relations, Curriculum Council,
Promotions and Tenure
7. **New Business**
Dean's Grand Rounds & Scientific Session – Wednesday, 9/17/08
Fall Faculty Meeting – 10/14/08 at 3:30 p.m. in the ROC
Introduction of New President of the Faculty - Jodi L. Smith, MD, Ph.D.

8. Adjournment

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Honor, remember someone affected by cancer

During the grand opening of its new patient facility this summer, the IU Simon Cancer Center will honor 10,000 people who have been touched by cancer through its “Faces of Cancer” ribbon campaign. Please consider honoring or remembering someone affected by cancer by visiting the Faces of Cancer web page at <http://www.cancer.iu.edu/giving>. You may request as many ribbons as you would like and there is no cost to do so.

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Faculty development topics sought

Can you help faculty find satisfaction in their work? The Faculty Development Coordinating Committee is in the process of devising a database of faculty development topics to offer to the campus for faculty enrichment. These topics are ideal for grand rounds, department meetings, retreats and other seminars.

The committee wants to be thorough and include all topics that relate to faculty development. If you are skilled at facilitating faculty development sessions and wish to add your name and topic to the database, contact Laura Torbeck at <mailto:ltorbeck@iupui.edu>.

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Starting & funding a biotech/life science business

“From Mind to Market: Starting and Funding a Biotech or Life Science Business and Protecting Ideas” will be from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, in room 304 of Emerson Hall. Postdocs and graduate students are invited.

Experienced professionals will provide an overview of starting a business to spin-off your laboratory creations, finding funding to launch the business, and protecting the intellectual property behind your creation. They will present some basics that should be considered by those who want to move their ideas from mind to market.

Speakers:

Jack H. Pincus, PhD, vice president of technology transfer, IU Research and Technology Corporation

Bob Greising, JD, partner, Krieg DeVault Attorneys at Law, LLP

Jason Houdek, JD, associate, Krieg DeVault Attorneys at Law, LLP

Troy Hege, MBA, project manager, BioCrossroads

RSVP at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VjVg7eW0ygMavERiFx6mYQ_3d_3d

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Free cancer screenings on 'Melanoma Monday'

The IU Department of Dermatology will sponsor a free skin cancer screening on Monday, May 5, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Screenings will be offered at IU Dermatology Clinic, IUPUI Health Services in Coleman Hall, and Regenstrief Dermatology Clinic. Appointments are needed. Call 630-6833 to schedule a free screening.

The screening is in recognition of the American Academy of Dermatology's designation of each May as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.

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Bioethics Journal Club

The final meeting of the season of the Bioethics Journal Club will be Tuesday, May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. (note time change) at the IU Center for Bioethics (3rd Floor, HITS bldg), followed by a social gathering at Buggs Temple.

Dr. Jason Eberl will lead a discussion on the article entitled "Genetic Enhancement - A Threat to Human Rights?" by Elizabeth Fenton. The article is posted in the Resources section of the Bioethics Journal Club Oncourse site.

The article is a critique of George Annas's argument against genetic enhancement found in his book entitled "American Bioethics: Crossing Human Rights and Health Law Boundaries." It has been suggested that those planning to attend also read the relevant pages of this book referenced in the notes of the article.

This link will take you to the electronic version of the book; you must use your IUPUI user name and password to access the book: site.ebrary.com.proxy.ulib.iupui.edu/lib/iupui/Top?id=10142428&layout=document

Contact Robin Bandy at rjakers@iupui.edu with any questions.

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Mark Brothers Lecturer to speak May 6 and 7

Tom F. Lue, MD, will present the annual Mark Brothers Lecture at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, Wishard Memorial Hospital 's Myers Auditorium. Dr. Lue, who is on faculty at University of California, San Francisco, will present the clinically-oriented presentation "Medical Aspect of Erectile Function and Dysfunction."

On Tuesday, May 6, at 2 p.m., Dr. Lue will give a research-oriented presentation entitled "Adipose Tissue-Derived Stem Cell and its Potential Clinical Applications." IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited.

Dr. Lue is the Emil Tanagho Endowed Chair in Clinical Research, professor and vice chair of the Department of Urology at Mt. Zion Medical Center and the medical director of the Knuppe Molecular

Urology Laboratory.

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Emerson to speak on skeletal myogenesis

Charles P. Emerson Jr., Ph.D., will present a special seminar hosted by the Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology at noon, Wednesday May 7, in Emerson Hall auditorium

Dr. Emerson is the director of the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and his research group has made many pivotal discoveries in understanding the molecular pathways that underlie vertebrate development.

Dr. Emerson's grandfather was dean of IUSM from 1911-1932. His lecture is entitled "Cooperative regulatory pathways for skeletal myogenesis in development and cancer." The lecture is open to the campus. Call 274-7772 for more details.

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Cancer Research Day – May 7

The annual Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center Cancer Research Day will be Wednesday, May 7. Students, fellows, and faculty conducting cancer research at IUPUI, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University, and the Walther Cancer Research Center at the University of Notre Dame will present their current cancer research efforts.

The poster session will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the atrium of the VanNuys Medical Science Building . Michael J. Birrer, MD, of the National Cancer Institute, will deliver the keynote address from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 101 of the IU Cancer Research Institute.

For more information about Cancer Research Day, contact James Klaunig, PhD, at <mailto:jklauni@iupui.edu>.

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'Personalized Medicine' - May 13

"The Future of Healthcare: Personalized Medicine" will be the topic of the May 13 meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network. The event is free, but pre-registration is requested at <http://www.indianabionetwork.org/>.

The Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network is sponsored by Ice Miller, Indiana University Research and Technology Corporation and the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

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Mental Health Symposium registration

Mental Health America of Indiana and the IUSM Department of Psychiatry will host the 11 th annual Mental Health Symposium Friday, May 16, in downtown Indianapolis .

The symposium provides individuals in recovery and their families, as well as caregivers, advocates and service providers, with updated information on how research is positively affecting treatment for individuals with mental illness and addictive disorders.

Deadline for registration is **Friday, May 9** . For more registration and education credit information, call the Mental Health America of Indiana at (317) 638-3501 or (800) 555-6424. The cost is \$125 for full registration, \$100 for symposium registration only or \$50 for MHAI Annual Meeting registration only (includes lunch, but does not include symposium).

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Conference focuses on venture capital for life sciences

Gov. Mitch Daniels, Indiana and Purdue University presidents Michael McRobbie, PhD, and France Cordova, PhD, and IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, will be among the speakers at the final event of the Kelley School of Business 2007-2008 Indiana Life Science Collaboration Conference Series. The day-long conference Friday, May 16, will focus on the availability of venture capital in Indiana and whether the VC market is connecting with entrepreneurs.

Additional speakers will include Gus Watanabe, MD, chairman of BioCrossroads and Marcadia Biotech; Nate Feltman, Indiana secretary of commerce; David Johnston, president and CEO of BioCrossroads; Mary Walshok, associate vice chancellor of public programs at the University of California-San Diego; Bruce Molitoris, MD, director of the division of nephrology at IUSM; and other representatives of the, business, and venture capital communities.

The conference will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the University Place Conference Center. Cost of the “Life Sciences is a Capital Idea” conference is \$40. For complete conference details, or to register go to <http://www.kelley.iu.edu/lifesc/>.

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Author Tavis to speak at plenary lecture and luncheon

Author Carol Tavis, PhD, will present a plenary lecture titled, “Mistakes were made (but not by me): What cognitive dissonance theory reveals about cheating, justice, love, memory, medicine ... and the rest of life” on Wednesday, May 21, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B26. RSVP is required: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/Events/eventsCalendar.asp>

Lecture summary: Learning to better handle conflict and mistakes are critical emotional intelligence leadership skills in today's complex academic environment. In this talk, social psychologist Dr. Tavis will describe the cognitive biases that lead most people to justify outdated beliefs, misguided or wrong decisions, and perhaps especially, the harms we inflict on others. Self-justification can have disastrous costs – for leaders who struggle to acknowledge their shortcomings, physicians who cling to outdated and harmful methods, scientists who can't let go of disconfirmed hypotheses – and in our personal lives as well.

A book signing, co-sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers, will immediately follow in the Med Sci atrium.

Dr. Tarvis also will be the guest speaker at a luncheon from noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the Med Sci atrium. Reservations are required and can be made at ctl.iupui.edu/Events/eventsCalendar.asp

Dr. Tavis will present "Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Progress and Pitfalls on the Path to Equality". She is the author of the award-winning popular book, "The Mismeasure of Woman: Why women are not the better sex, the inferior sex, or the opposite sex." Well then, what are they? In this discussion, she will show how the questions we ask about gender affect the answers we get--and the nature of the solutions we seek.

The plenary lecture is sponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the luncheon is co-sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs and the IUSM Women's Advisory Council.

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MPH degree information session

Interested in learning more about the Master of Public Health Program? An information session will be conducted from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the IUSM Department of Public Health, 714 N. Senate, room 220. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to provide an overview of the MPH Program and the Graduate Certificate in Public Health.

To RSVP, contact Leah at <mailto:lwissel@iupui.edu> or 278-0765. More information is available at <http://www.pbhealth.iupui.edu/>.

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Registration opens for epilepsy conference

A one-day course for physicians who treat epilepsy in pediatric and adult patients will be offered Saturday, May 31, by IUSM. The program, "Advances in Medical and Surgical Treatment of Epilepsy" will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Riley Outpatient Center Ruth Lilly Learning Center .

Speakers will include IUSM neurology and neurosurgery faculty including Vicenta Salanova, Omkar Markand, Michael Risinger, Dragos Sabau, Robert Worth, Jody Smith and Hema Patel. Nancy Foldvary, DO, with the Section of Epilepsy and Sleep Disorders at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation will discuss "Special Considerations for Women with Epilepsy."

For additional information or to register, see cme.medicine.iu.edu or call 274-8353.

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Nicotine Addiction and Mental Illness – June 12-13

The second annual National Conference on Dual Diagnosis will be June 12-13 at the Eiteljorg Museum .

“Nicotine Addiction and Mental Illness: Integrating Neurobiological, Psychiatric and Social Systems Perspectives” will feature many of the nation's leading basic neuroscientists, psychiatric and social scientists in the field of nicotine addiction. The program is designed to develop a more in-depth and integrative understanding of the tremendous public health problem of tobacco use in persons with mental illness.

Space is limited, so register early at <http://www.iupui.edu/~psycdept/index.php?id=96>

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IUSM Helping Hands publication – call for submissions

The IUSM Office of Medical Education, in collaboration with the Mindfulness in Medicine group and the Relationship-Centered Care Initiative, invite submissions for inclusion in the annual publication titled “Helping Hands: Expressions of Hope in our Community.” Submission of narratives, essays, poetry, photographs and other forms of printable creative expressions of hope are sought.

Works will be chosen for inclusion in the Helping Hands publication that is distributed to medical students, faculty, physicians, patients and others.

Contributions may be about a person, experience, piece of art, or life moment that conveys something about what it means to give or receive hope. Details and submission forms are available on the MECA website at meded.iusm.iu.edu/helpinghands. Contact Angie Graves at angdgrav@iupui.edu with questions. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, June 1**.

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IUSM faculty honored by Time magazine

Indiana University neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD, a tireless advocate for the value of creativity and balance -- and brain donations for purposes of research -- was selected as one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. Her photo is one of those featured on the cover of the May 12 issue.

Taylor teaches neuroanatomy part time at the Bloomington Medical Sciences Program. In 1996, Taylor was a brain scientist at Harvard University, when she experienced a stroke. She describes the experience and her long recovery in her self-published book, *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey*. To read more about Taylor's remarkable experience, visit newsinfo.iu.edu/web/page/normal/4481.html.

For more information about Taylor, visit her Web site at www.drjilltaylor.com/.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb

Lewis.

In anticipation of the May 6 presidential primary in Indiana, *Sound Medicine*'s Steve Bogdewic, PhD, will explore Americans' views of the U.S. health care system with Robert Blendon, PhD, a professor of health policy and political analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Blendon will discuss how Americans compare the quality and cost of the U.S. system with the systems in Canada, England and France. He also will explore the differences in perceptions of the U.S. system between Republicans and Democrats.

In the past, it's been assumed that waking up is simply the reversal of the process that happens when a patient is put under anesthesia. Max Kelz, MD, PhD, from the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss his research into the mechanics of waking up from anesthesia. Dr. Kelz' work with people with narcolepsy suggests it's more complex than that, and explains how his findings could benefit others as well.

In the regular *Sound Ethics* segment, which airs the first weekend of each month, Eric Meslin, PhD, of the IU Center for Bioethics, and Carrie Rouse, a third-year medical student at Indiana University School of Medicine, will explain the work of the student-led Universities Allied for Essential Medicines. The group's purpose is to expand access to life-saving medicines in low- and moderate-income countries. This conversation is the continuation of the same topic from last month, when host Barbara Lewis spoke with Dr. Meslin and Dr. Alan Breier, chief medical officer of Eli Lilly and Company.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>. *Sound Medicine* is underwritten by the Lilly Clinic, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group; Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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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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