



future Medical Research Investigators Pre-MD/PhD Club Afternoon News



Friday, March 07, 2008

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Undergraduates Research Experiences at UIUC (Deadline 03/07)

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specially designed for the purpose. REU will provide a \$3000 stipend, housing at the Europa House that is within walking distance of the Loomis Laboratory of Physics, and up to \$300 in travel expenses. The 2008 REU 10-week summer program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will run from 5/28-8/1.

Deadline: 3/7/08

Website: www.physics.uiuc.edu/education/undergraduate/REU/index.html

Call for Papers: Undergraduate Research Symposium (Deadline 03/16)

Great opportunity to showcase research you've done with a faculty member on campus! A symposium on Tuesday, April 29, will showcase examples of the best faculty-mentored undergraduate research, scholarly, and creative activity from across campus.

Students and student-faculty teams are encouraged to propose presentations, posters, performances, and installations. The deadline for proposals is Sunday, March 16. Details about the symposium and a link to the online proposal form are available at <http://www.provost.uiuc.edu/committees/ugresearch/index.html>.

Questions about the symposium may be directed to ugresearch-symposium@uiuc.edu.

Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Summer Premed Academic Enrichment Program (Deadline 03/10)

The application deadline for the Summer Premedical Academic Enrichment Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine has been extended until March 10. The SPAEP has two levels, Level I or II. It is open to high school graduates and college students, designed specifically to prepare and support students who wish to pursue careers in the field of medicine. Spend seven weeks in Level I, strengthening your academic skills and learning more about careers in medicine. Or, spend nine weeks immersed and engaged in the work of physician-scientists including laboratory research and MCAT preparation through Level II. Both programs will enhance your skills and knowledge in science, writing and public speaking. You'll discover a challenging and stimulating program in the environment of a major academic medical center.

Learn more and complete an application at
http://www.medschool.pitt.edu/future/future_03_spaep.asp.
Deadline is March 10, 11:59 pm.

Ethnicity, Language, and Health-Care: Impacting Access to Care in Guatemala (03/26)

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

5:30-7:00 pm

Carle Forum - Pollard Auditorium

Peter Rohloff, MD/PhD Alum; Magda Silvia Sotz Mux, Visiting Scholar

If you plan to attend, please reply by Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

Guatemala is a majority indigenous nation, and most of the population speaks one of several Mayan languages as their first language. A significant portion of the population has no or very limited Spanish ability. Despite this, all medical and health services offered by both the national and international sectors are exclusively in Spanish. The results are profound disparities in health outcomes between the indigenous and non-indigenous sectors of the country. In this event, Peter Rohloff and Magda Silvia Mux--both staff members for Wuquâ™ Kawoq, a Guatemalan medical NGO--will present film, photography, and ethnographic data which document the experiences of indigenous Maya attempting to access the health care system. They will also describe some of the results of their own work, which attempts to develop, advocate, and deliver same-language health care services.

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Peter Rohloff received his PhD (2003) and MD (2007) from the University of Illinois. He is currently executive director of Wuquâ™ Kawoq, a non-governmental organization in Guatemala working at the intersection of health care and language revitalization.

Magda Silvia Sotz Mux is a lifelong resident of San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala. As an educator, she has been involved for over 10 years in Kaqchikel language revitalization efforts. She also currently manages several field projects for the NGO Wuquâ™ Kawoq. She will be a scholar-in-residence at the University of Illinois during the spring of 2008.

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## ***OVP's Non-Profit & Governmental Career Fair (03/10)***

Monday, March 10, 2008

11am-3pm

Illini Rooms in the Illini Union

Meet representatives from a variety of non-profit and government agencies and learn about job and internship opportunities. National, state, and local agencies will be present.

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## ***Volunteer For the Muscular Dystrophy Association***

The local Muscular Dystrophy Association is looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of projects. Contact Amanda Eades, [aeades@mdausa.org](mailto:aeades@mdausa.org), or 217-351-1853.

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## ***JHU Center for Talented Youth (CTY) 2008 Summer Employment***

Johns Hopkins University-Center for Talented Youth (CTY) is seeking enthusiastic instructors, teaching assistants, residential assistants, and administrators for our summer programs. CTY offers intense 3-week academic programs for highly talented elementary, middle, and high school students from around the world.

Session 1: June 26 - July 18

Session 2: July 18 - August 8

[ctysummer@jhu.edu](mailto:ctysummer@jhu.edu), 410-735-6185

[www.cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment](http://www.cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment)

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## ***Explore Tolstoy's Classic on Medicine!***

In April 2008 the University of Illinois and Champaign-Urbana community are participating in the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read program on *The Death of Ivan Illych*. Many events including panels on the medical, religious, and literary significance of Tolstoy's novel will involve the whole community, particularly medical school and pre-med students, in the reading.

fMRI invites you to participate in this exciting event. *Death of Ivan Illych* is a novella, thus a quick read. To participate, all you need to do is

1. Read *Death of Ivan Illych* by mid-April
2. Participate in one reading group meeting with fMRI to discuss the book's medical implications
3. Attend the "How and Why of Dying" Medical Panel on 04/23 with area physicians & students

Books will be provided at no-charge to all participants.

To request a book, please email Melanie Hogendorp at [mbh11@uiuc.edu](mailto:mbh11@uiuc.edu).

For more program information, see: <http://www.reec.uiuc.edu/bigread/> and <http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/08/0212bigread.html>.

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## ***APSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL - April 25-27)***

The American Physician Scientists Association Annual Meeting will be taking place in Chicago, IL on April 25-27, 2008. APSA is a national student organization for medical students with research interests. If you are contemplating being a physician-scientist and would like to meet current and student MD/PhD's from 58-70 institutions across the country, this is a truly unique opportunity. While programming may not be geared at the undergraduate level, you will receive great exposure to current and to-be physician-scientists. You will get a good sense of if this is something you want to go into.

Confirmed speakers thus far include: Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, (Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the NIH), Dr. George Yancopoulos (Senior VP of Research at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals), Dr. Funmi Olopade (Director of the Cancer Risk Clinic at University of Chicago and 2005 Recipient of the MacArthur Genius Award), Dr. Joseph Miletich (Senior VP of Research and Development at Amgen), Dr. Joia Mukherjee (Medical Director at Partners In Health), and Dr. Kenneth Chene (Scientific Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cardiovascular Research Center).

In addition to the keynote speakers, APSA also will hold a residency luncheon where we anticipate attendance by 15 residency programs that are tailored for physician-scientists in specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics, and pathology to name a few. Also, a panel of residents in these programs will talk about their first hand experience. Also, a career panel which includes young and established physician-scientists in different career pathways that span academia, NIH, and industry will talk.

Other highlights will include interactions with the American Society for Clinical Investigation (who publishes the Journal of Clinical Investigation) and the Association of American Physicians who are both honor societies for physician-scientists and represent the leaders of academic medicine and corporate healthcare.

The full meeting agenda can be found at <http://meeting.physicianscientists.org/> and you can register at <http://registration.physicianscientists.org/>

Feel free to email APSA President and University of Illinois MSP student Freddy Nguyen at [fnguyen@uiuc.edu](mailto:fnguyen@uiuc.edu) if you have any questions / comments, or want to try and coordinate rides up to Chicago, etc.