



## Weekly Roundup of News from the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health | October 7, 2016

Starting today, previous versions of the FSPH Weekly Roundup [can be found online](#). If you have any suggestions for improving the weekly newsletter, please email them to Amanda Briggs at [amanbrig@iu.edu](mailto:amanbrig@iu.edu). I look forward to hearing from you.

### News

1. The Fairbanks School of Public Health has partnered with the Indiana Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force to host a **"Drug Take Back Day"** at IUPUI on **October 20 from 10am to 3pm** in the IUPUI Campus Center lobby. All prescription take backs are considered anonymous and incinerated immediately after the event. We ask that you invite your students to volunteer for the event (contact [amanbrig@iu.edu](mailto:amanbrig@iu.edu)) and to spread the word about the event.
2. The **Health Data Science Degree** has been approved by the IU Board of Trustees and will go before ICHE this fall. This new undergraduate degree will be offered by the Department of Biostatistics in partnership with the School of Science's Department of Computer and Information Science and the IU School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI. [Learn more about this exciting degree here](#). Congratulations Constantin and the entire Biostatistics department on this achievement!
3. **Thomas Duszynski** hosted a panel discussion on Thursday about the events surrounding the **Scott County HIV outbreak**. The panel provided a face to the number of outbreaks by sharing the real life accounts of people affected. In addition, the panel shared the successes that helped curb the spread of the disease and how Scott County continues to support those affected. With more than 200 cases of HIV identified, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The panel consisted of Jeremy Roseberry from Health Care Education and Training, **Dr. Joan Duwve**, Associate Dean of Public Health Practice, Brittany Combs, Scott County Public Health Nurse, and Jeanni McCarty, from Foundations Family Medicine in the city of Austin.
4. Social and Behavioral Sciences Professor, **Tamara Leech**, will be presenting at the next **Works in Progress** on **October 27, 2016 at 1:00pm** in RG 6040. Dr. Leech's topic is, "Pockets of Peace: At-risk Urban Neighborhoods That Successfully Curb Youth Violence."
5. **Dr. Brian Dixon**, Associate Professor in Epidemiology, **Dr. Joe Gibson**, Adjunct Faculty in Epidemiology, and **Karen Comer**, doctoral student in SBS, published an article in *Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research* entitled "Using Electronic Health Record Data to Improve Community Health Assessment." The article stems from Dr. Dixon's grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in which the team used geocoded electronic medical records to calculate incidence of chronic and infectious diseases for geographical areas smaller than a county (e.g., neighborhood, census tract) to improve local health department access to more actionable population health data. The paper is available for download at <http://uknowledge.uky.edu/frontiersinphssr/vol5/iss5/8/>
6. **Dr. Brian Dixon** has been awarded a new cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) entitled "Assessing Adherence to and Impact of Syphilis Testing in Pregnancy and STD Medical Examinations in Immigrants and Refugees." The project involves the Bellflower Clinic at Eskenazi Health, Regenstrief Institute, and the Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention at the CDC. The project seeks to extract and link data over a 10-year period from a community-wide health information exchange (HIE) to assess prenatal care and prenatal syphilis testing practices for all women with live or stillbirth; assess syphilis testing practices after delivery for women with stillbirth; estimate syphilis testing rates among immigrants and refugees aged 15 or more years and to identify the number of syphilis cases among that population; assess gonorrhea testing rates, treatment failures (particularly with third-generation cephalosporins), and antimicrobial susceptibility testing; and assess STD services documented in the INPC data, the local STD clinic data, and state STD surveillance data for these persons who have records in the ITARA (Immigrant TB and All Refugee Application) database.
7. **Dr. Chunyan He**, Associate Professor in Epidemiology, will serve as a member of NIH Study Section of Cancer, Heart, and Sleep Epidemiology A (CHSA). This panel reviews applications on epidemiologic research in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and sleep conditions in human populations. Join us in congratulating Dr. He on this achievement.
8. Social and Behavioral Sciences will host a talk on **October 13 at 10am** in RG 6040. Dr. Nangel Lindberg will discuss, **"Developing effective health promotion interventions for minority populations."** This talk will focus on the development of a culture-centered behavioral intervention targeting diabetes risk management in Hispanic populations.
9. **Tess Weathers** is our first United Way of Central Indiana ambassador. If you'd like more information on how you can volunteer or give, please reach out to Tess.
10. **Flu vaccines** will be administered at no charge in the first floor lobby on **Wednesday, November 9, from 10am to 12noon**. You must present your current Jagtag, and be an employee or student to receive the vaccination.

11. If you are attending APHA next month you are invited to an **Alumni and Friends Reception at the Colorado Convention Center (Room 704)** on **Tuesday, November 1, from 6:30 – 8:00pm** (Mountain Time). If you are interested in attending please contact Amanda Briggs at [amanbrig@iu.edu](mailto:amanbrig@iu.edu) for more information.
12. To help faculty and staff with planning, **Shawne Mathis** has provided the following **academic deadlines for 2016: Tuesday, December 20** Faculty deadline for submitting Fall 2016 grades (submit by 8:00 p.m.)

### Opportunities

1. **Dean Halverson** invites the faculty to join the, “**Precision Public Health: Beyond Genomics,**” webinar on **Wednesday, October 19 at 2:00pm**. This webinar will cover the scope of precision medicine beyond genes, drugs, and disease, and the concept of precision public health as it has evolved recently as a result of the Precision Public Health Summit. [Learn more and register for the webinar here.](#)
2. The Indiana University School of Nursing, invites you and a guest to the celebration of the opening Indiana University School of Nursing Champion Center for Cancer Control Research. This event will celebrate the opening of a new center dedicated to cancer research at the Indiana University School of Nursing, acknowledging Dr. Victoria Champion’s outstanding achievements in cancer control research. Free parking is available in the Landmarks Center parking lot to the north of the building. Additional free parking is available on both sides of Central and 12th Streets.  
**Champion Center for Cancer Control Event**  
**The Indiana Landmarks Center**  
**1201 Central Avenue | Indianapolis, IN 46202**  
**RSVP: [dgettle@iu.edu](mailto:dgettle@iu.edu)**  
**Thursday, October 27 | 5pm Program - 5:45 pm Reception**
3. The Fairbanks School of Public Health is hiring a temporary **Public Health Associate**. The Public Health Associate is critical to assisting with a project designed to assess the incidence and prevalence rate of HIV and Hepatitis C within an incarcerated population. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: assisting with the assessment of an existing intake process and associated protocols; helping to develop a testing and referral protocol; assisting the team with developing content on the prevention, treatment and management of HIV and Hep C; assist with data collection and management; conducting analysis of testing outcomes and help draft a final report; other duties as assigned. This position is seeking the following qualifications: strong analytical skills; detail oriented with exceptional organizational skills; advanced knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; outstanding data analysis skills using SAS or SPSS; strong interpersonal communication skills. If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to JoBeth McCarthy at [jomccart@iu.edu](mailto:jomccart@iu.edu).
4. Save the date: The Indiana State Department of Health’s **Labor of Love Infant Mortality Summit** will take place this year on **Monday, October 17** at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. For more information, [click here](#).
5. Eli Lilly and Company and the IU Center for Global Health are hosting, “**An Evening With Dr. Paul Farmer,**” on **Monday, October 17 at 7pm**. Dr. Farmer is a world-renowned anthropologist and physician at Harvard University. This event will take place in the IUPUI Campus Center in Room 450. Parking is available in the Vermont St. garage, attached to the Campus Center. You can [register for the event here](#). If you have any questions, please contact David Marbaugh at [marbaugh@lilly.com](mailto:marbaugh@lilly.com). Dr. Farmer will be signing books at 8pm.  
  
**An Evening With Dr. Paul Farmer**  
**Monday, October 17 | 7pm**  
**IUPUI Campus Center | 420 W. University Blvd.**  
[Event Registration](#)
6. The **Celebration of Lives Lost 2016** dinner honors those who have lost their lives to drugs or alcohol. The Celebration which takes place on **Saturday, October 22**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Colts Complex is a positive remembrance of the value and potential of each individual life honored. Family and friends of those honored are joined by community activists to spread awareness of the impact of addiction and importance of addressing it. For more information or to register for this free dinner please visit the [Celebration of Lives Lost website](#).

### Fairbanks School of Public Health Gear

Want to show your pride in the Fairbanks School of Public Health? Visit our online store, where faculty, staff, students, alums and “Friends of Fairbanks” can purchase logo wear that shows your love for the school. Our initial offering includes logo t-shirts, a hoodie, and two fun designs that show why public health and health administration are the best careers out there. To check out the store, [click here](#).

### Upcoming Faculty and Staff Birthdays

(To add your birthday to the list, e-mail [amanbrig@iu.edu](mailto:amanbrig@iu.edu) with your name and birthday month and day.)

We look forward to celebrating their special day with these FSPH faculty and staff:

Heike Marino            October 17

JoBeth McCarthy	October 29
Mary Beth Ryan	November 7
Sula Hood	November 28
Brian Dixon	November 29
Sue Babich	December 16

### Upcoming Events And Holidays

10/12	Yom Kippur
10/17-18	Fall Break
10/28 - 11/2	APHA in Denver
10/31	Halloween
11/6	Daylight Saving Time Ends
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/29	Diwali
11/24	<b>Thanksgiving - IU Holiday</b>
11/25	<b>Day after Thanksgiving – IU Holiday</b>
12/24	Chanukah Begins At Sunset
12/13 - 18	Fall Finals
12/24	Christmas Eve
12/25	<b>Christmas (Sunday)</b>
12/26	<b>Christmas Day – IU Observed Holiday</b>
1/1	<b>New Year's Day (Sunday)</b>
1/2	<b>New Year's Day – IU Observed Holiday</b>

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