

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 14

Calendar information for the **Dec. 15** issue is due **Friday, Nov. 18**, and for the **Jan. 15** issue by **Monday, Dec. 12**, to Pamela.Lewis@uth.tmc.edu.

November

★ **15 — Noon, Treating Homeless Patients** by David Buck, M.D., president and chief medical officer, Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston, and associate professor, Baylor College of Medicine, part of the Cultural Humility lecture series sponsored by The John P. McGovern, M.D. Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit in cooperation with student organizations. Lunch provided for the first 75 attendees, Medical School, Room 2.006. Contact: Chirag.B.Patel@uth.tmc.edu.

★ **17 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 19th Annual Medical School Holiday Arts & Craft Fair**, Medical School Leather Lounge and Grand Staircase Foyer, sponsored by the Medical School Employee Relations Committee, with approximately 35 vendors. Contact: Dawn.Alvarado@uth.tmc.edu.

★ **17 — Noon, Treating Elderly Patients** by Steven Levy, D.O., president of the Texas Geriatrics Society and the Houston Geriatric Society, is the last of nine talks in the Cultural Humility lecture series sponsored by The John P. McGovern, M.D. Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit in cooperation with student organizations. Lunch will be provided

for the first 75 attendees, Medical School, Room 2.006. Contact: Chirag.B.Patel@uth.tmc.edu.

★ **18 — Noon, Fetal Magnetocardiogram: An Emerging Tool for Prenatal Care?** by M. Terese Verklan, Ph.D., associate professor, Nursing Systems, School of Nursing at Houston, and Nikhil S. Padhye, Ph.D., assistant professor, Center for Nursing Research, School of Nursing and Student Community Center, Room 508. Contact: the Center for Nursing Research, (713) 500-2037 or (713) 500-2041.

★ **24-25 — Thanksgiving Holiday**, full closure.

★ **30 — Noon, President's Update**, University Center Tower, Room 1505C.

★ **30 — 4 p.m., Ernst Knobil Distinguished Lecture**, by Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., Howard Hughes Medical Institute, The Rockefeller University, New York, NY, Medical School, Room 3.001. Contact Kim Campbell, (713) 500-5605.

December

★ **3 — 10 a.m.-noon, 12th Annual Neuroscience Research Center Poster Session**, Leather Lounge, Medical School Building.

★ **14 — Noon, President's Update**, Operations Center Building, Room 2.200.

★ ★ ★ Stars ★ ★ ★

The American Student Dental Association annual conference, hosted by the UT Dental Branch this year, served as the platform for the school to receive two awards.

★ The Dental Branch won honorable mention in the Crest Healthy Smiles 2010 Program for the development of the "Miles of Smiles Day" at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston.

★ **Alice Luan**, a fourth-year dental student, who served as an ASDA representative, was named the "Delegate of the Year" for the local region.

★ **Darryl Baucum**, a second-year dental student, sent a note of thanks to the ASDA officers and students involved.

Funds, Funds and More Funds – What Does It All Mean?

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Unexpended Plant Funds Sources

- Permanent University Fund (can only be used for capital projects)
- Revenue Financing Funds (debt service)
- Tuition Revenue Bond Proceeds
- Gifts

Other Non-Operating Funds

- Loan Funds (student loans and scholarships)
- Endowment Funds that are
 - non-state-funded – hold the corpus of the university's endowed chairs, lecture-

ships and scholarships

- state-funded – contain the corpus of the Permanent Health Fund (our portion was \$28 million)

▪ Investment in Plant carries the value of the university's land, buildings and equipment, \$399.3 million

▪ Agency Funds – Monies owned by outside agencies for which the university is "the banker," such as student organizations, journals, TexGen, Medical School Alumni Association. ★

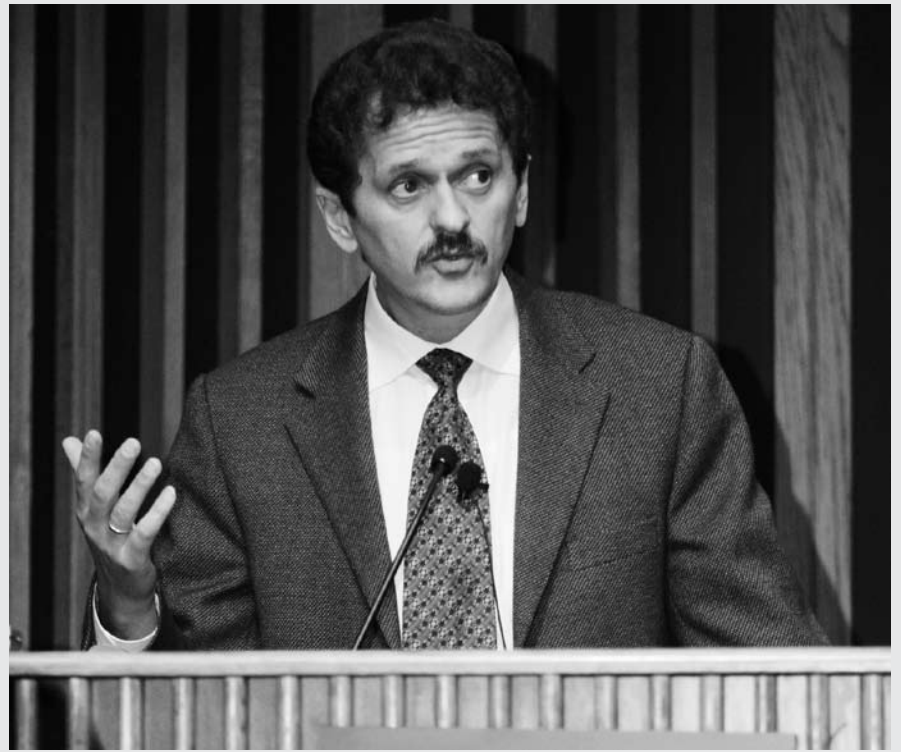


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Award-winning Scientist Speaks at SPH

World Health Organization influenza expert Klaus Stöhr, Ph.D., lectured on "Avian and Pandemic Influenza: Are We Prepared?" at the UT School of Public Health, Nov. 4. Stöhr also accepted the UT Health Science Center's President's Award for Leadership in Public Health and met with Texas flu researchers on the global fight against the threat of a flu pandemic. *Photo by John Everett*

UT Medical School Dermatologists Recruiting Study Volunteers

The UT Medical School Department of Dermatology is recruiting study volunteers for several clinical trials:

- Studying the effectiveness of a Food and Drug Administration-approved treatment for keloids – scars that keep growing after they should have stopped. When the skin is injured, cells grow back to fill the gap. If the cells keep reproducing, the result is an overgrown scar, or keloid. Keloid development is genetic, most frequently affecting people of African or Asian descent.

Adult study participants must visit the dermatology clinic four times over four months for treatment and must have had at least one keloid on their upper chest, back or an arm for at least seven months. The treatment is safe, painless and non-invasive. Compensation is available.

- Studying a painless FDA-approved topical treatment for poison ivy. Adult volunteers must have had a poison ivy outbreak at some point in the past, and be able to visit the dermatology clinic six times over the course of the study. Compensation is available.

- Studying the effectiveness of a safe, painless topical treatment specifically formulated to treat keratosis pilaris, which appears as small colorless or white bumps on the arms, thighs and buttocks of 40 percent of all adolescents and adults. Some compensation is available. Volunteers aged 12 and older accepted.

For more information about participating in these studies, call Maria Lopez at (713) 500-8266.

—Shannon Rasp

GSBS Retreat Planned

The UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston is planning a faculty retreat May 12-13 to consider how it can build on its quality education and training programs, which benefit from the contributions of more than 200 UT Health Science Center faculty.

According to Dean George Stancel, Ph.D., the retreat will help identify the most significant issues and challenges facing GSBS, and how the school should deal with them. The focus will be on major issues and school-wide goals important for strategic planning, allocation of resources, and major academic decisions.

To prepare for the retreat, Stancel has asked senior members of the GSBS staff to convene working groups of faculty, students and alumni who will team with relevant GSBS standing committees to identify key issues and challenges, and develop possible approaches to address them. This information will provide the background for discussion at the retreat, to which all GSBS faculty are invited.

GSBS faculty, students, alumni and other supporters are encouraged to provide ideas and suggest topics for the retreat. Based on your area of comment, contact the appropriate person from the following list (e-mail addresses and phone numbers are available online at gsbs.uth.tmc.edu/current_staff.htm):

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