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Help Red Cross save a life; give blood

The American Red Cross is reporting a low blood supply this winter. You can help save a life by donating at one of the two remaining campus blood drives in this year's spring WMU-CMU Blood Challenge. The drives are being held from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. today in Miller Auditorium and tomorrow in the Bernhard Center Ballroom.

Technology input forum scheduled

WMU is seeking input from faculty and staff members as well as students on a strategic plan being developed for choosing and implementing technologies to support teaching. One forum remains. It will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in 2033 University Computing Center. For more information, contact Bradley Morgan at bradley.morgan@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5363.

GoWMU services to be unavailable

Some services in GoWMU's My Work and My SelfService channels will be unavailable this weekend, Jan. 28-30. If you have questions, contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@wmich.edu or (269) 387-4357, option 1.

Free hockey tickets offered

Faculty and staff members can receive up to two free tickets to the Bronco hockey game versus Bowling Green Friday, Feb. 4. Tickets can be picked up at the Waldo Stadium ticket office at least 24 hours in advance, or at the Lawson Ice Arena ticket window on game night. A valid faculty/staff ID is required. Visit www.wmubroncos.com for details. Call (269) 387-3673 with questions.

W-2 forms delivered electronically

Electronic W-2 forms are now available through the Employee Self Service channel in GoWMU to employees who have opted to receive them electronically. W-2s will be mailed Jan. 31 to the home addresses of those who have not authorized electronic delivery. Visit the Employee Self Service channel to submit or withdraw consent to receive electronic W-2s and make sure your home address is up to date.

Time to register Relay for Life teams

Online registration is open for this year's Relay for Life event, set for April 15-16 at Kanley Track. Start your own WMU team or join one of the University's existing teams. Visit http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=29929 to register or learn more.

TIAA-CREF reps coming to WMU

TIAA-CREF representatives will be on campus Feb. 15-17. To schedule a private consultation for investment or retirement planning, visit www.tiaa-cref.org and click Consultations and Seminars under Services. If you are unable to register online, call the scheduling group at (800) 732-8353.

Founding medical school dean announced



Jensen

Physician Hal B. Jensen has been named founding dean of the WMU School of Medicine and will assume his new post in March or April.

Jensen, professor of pediatrics and regional dean for the Western Campus of the Tufts University School of Medicine, was selected from among nearly 60 candidates whose credentials were considered by a community search committee.

WMU President John M. Dunn made the announcement of Jensen's appointment on behalf of the privately funded medical school initiative, a community partnership involving Borgess Health, Bronson Healthcare and the University. Jensen was one of three candidates invited to make

public presentations in Kalamazoo last fall.

"Dr. Jensen is the right choice to lead the development of our medical school," says Dunn. "He brings a strong background in academic medicine, medical education and research from positions at Tufts, Yale and other prestigious university medical schools. Of great importance, he has extensive experience in health care systems very relevant to West Michigan."

A physician and educator with more than 30 years experience, Jensen was drawn to the founding dean position by the opportunity to help create a new medical school at a national

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Carnegie Foundation lauds WMU's engagement efforts

WMU is among 115 institutions nationwide to earn a special designation for community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Colleges and universities selected by the foundation for listing in the 2010 Community Engagement Classification join 196 schools named to the category during the 2006 or 2008 selection rounds. Schools with an institutional focus on community engagement were invited to apply for the classification, part of an extensive restructuring of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education begun in 2006.

"Through a classification that acknowledges significant commitment to and demonstration of community engagement, the foundation encourages colleges and universities to become more deeply engaged, to improve teaching and learning, and to

generate socially responsive knowledge to benefit communities," says Carnegie President Anthony Bryk.

The Community Engagement Classification is elective. This approach enabled the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness that are not represented by the national data used to determine other foundation classifications.

"The Carnegie application process afforded us an opportunity to comprehensively evaluate the manner in which community engagement is embedded in our curriculum; expressed through the collaborative provision of health, research, education and counseling, among other services in the community; and reflected in our longstanding outreach programs and partnerships," says Kathy Purnell, WMU service learning coordinator.

ALA selects Joslin book as Outstanding Academic Title

"Edith Wharton and the Making of Fashion" by English professor Katherine Joslin has been selected as an Outstanding Academic Title by the American Library Association's Choice magazine.

Of the nearly 23,000 academic books published annually, 7,000 were reviewed by the editorial staff of Choice last year. Joslin's text is among 688 books and electronic resources selected to the 2010 academic title list, which was published in Choice's January issue.

The University Press of New England published Joslin's book in 2009 and will reprint it in paperback.

"That a book on Wharton and fashion should be as gorgeous as this one is only fitting," the Choice reviewer noted. "Offering intriguing details about turn-of-the-century apparel as well as an entirely new way to understand Wharton—one turning on the symbolic resonance of dress—this book offers up a fascinating approach to Wharton's astute chronicle of culture."

"Edith Wharton and the Making of Fashion" describes the origins of the modern fashion industry as seen through the works of Edith Wharton. The book places the iconic New York figure and her writing in the context of fashion history and shows how dress lies at the very center of her thinking about art and culture.

Joslin, who joined the faculty in 1986, is director of the WMU Center for the Humanities and a past Fulbright Senior Specialist. She teaches courses in American fiction and non-fiction at the turn of the 20th century with cross-disciplinary interests in material culture and social and political history. She is working on a literary biography of Theodore Roosevelt and is the author of "Edith Wharton" in the Macmillan and St. Martin's Women Writers Series and of "Jane Addams, a Writer's Life."



Joslin

Around campus and beyond

Foreign policy lecture series slated

WMU will present two talks as part of West Michigan's 2011 "Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series." The free talks will take place at noon in the Fetzer Center's Putney Lecture Hall.

National Public Radio's Mike Shuster will speak Feb. 7 on "Winning Without War: Do Sanctions Work?" Gordan VanHook, who led the crisis team that resolved the Somali pirate hijacking of the Maersk Alabama, will speak March 21 on "Pirates on the High Seas."

Oppression exhibit opens Feb. 8

Residence life is sponsoring a free two-day exhibition on oppressed populations within society. The "Tunnel of Oppression" will be open 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8-9, in Eldridge and Fox halls. It is not recommended for people under age 18.

PSSO to hold general meeting

All PSSO-eligible employees are invited to a general meeting of the Professional Support Staff Organization from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in 157 Bernard Center. Visit www.wmich.edu/pssso for more information.

Performance to focus on Red Baron

Lavern H. "Vern" Stillwell, emeritus in theatre, will portray the Red Baron as he

enacts scenes from the German aviator's life during the period of World War I. This Emeriti Council program will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Walwood Hall's Heinig Emeriti Lounge.

DPS fiscal manager to present talk

Robert C. Bobb, one of the highest profile people in Michigan education today, will present a talk at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Bobb, emergency financial manager for the Detroit Public Schools, will speak on "Transformation of the DPS—Finding Opportunity in Crisis" in 2000 Schneider Hall.

Lifelong Learning Academy event set

An open house to introduce WMU's new Lifelong Learning Academy for older adults will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the west lobby of Walwood Hall. Visit www.wmich.edu/offcampus/lifelong or call (269) 387-4200 for details.

Chemist to discuss artificial nose

Kenneth Suslick from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will discuss the development of a sensitive artificial nose that can be used to detect a variety of substances. Suslick, who helped make the apparatus, will speak on "The Optoelectronic Nose: An Adventure of Molecular Recognition" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in 1720 Chemistry Building.

Public input sought on development of new archives facility

Members of the WMU and local communities are invited to attend a workshop on development of a new facility for Archives and Regional History Collections.

The workshop is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Fetzer Center. The event is designed to acquire input as well as provide information about ongoing activities.

The proposed conceptual design for the new facility will be presented during the workshop by SHW Group, the architect for the project.

WMU is in the planning phase of developing a new home for Archives and Regional History Collections that is suitable for long-term storage of archival materials.

For more information about the workshop, contact Chris Pyzik in Facilities Management-planning, at chris.pyzik@wmich.edu or (269) 387-8543.

Retirement receptions

Facilities Management—Lawrence Scott, labor relations and transportation services, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 208 Bernhard Center.

Health and human services—Janice Dekker and Joyce Gard, 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 4010 Health and Human Services Building.

Admissions—Pamela Liberacki, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 209 Bernhard Center.

Industrial and manufacturing engineering—Klazina "Klaz" Welch, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Park View Room, Engineering and Applied Sciences Building.

Obituary

Ted G. Haaksma, a former WMU staff member, died Oct. 1, 2010. He was 85.

Haaksma worked as a carpenter in Facilities Management-maintenance services. He came to WMU in 1974 and retired in 1994 after 19-1/2 years of service to the University.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources Web site at www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Arborists first to earn certification

Two WMU arborists are the first university employees in Michigan to earn certification as Tree Risk Assessors. John Disbro and



Avery



Disbro

Chad Avery, Facilities Management-landscape services, attained the designation last year.

The tree risk assessment course and certification exam are administered by the Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. Applicants for the exam must be certified arborists and have extensive field work in arboriculture.

The required course work is a combination of classroom lecture and field work, which includes modules in biology, structural mechanics, risk theory and practice, reading tree conditions, assessing and assigning risk levels, and prescribing risk mitigation strategies.

Artist participates in exhibitions

Patricia Villalobos Echeverría, art, showed her work overseas as part of group exhibitions staged last fall for the VII Central American



Villalobos-Echeverría

Biennial of Visual Arts and the I International Caribbean Triennial.

The most recent showing involved a site-related installation of a piece titled "camuflaje (camouflage) @ 12°9'19" n, 86°16'19" w" at the National Theatre Ruben Darío in Managua, Nicaragua. The other showing involved a site-specific installation of a piece titled "salpullido @ 18°28'13.46" n, 69°54'36.84" w" in the Museum of Modern Art in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Echeverría, chair of art, has a hybrid practice of prints, photos, videos and installations that explore how reproducible forms of representation can alter notions of singularity and states of flux.

Sociologist pens new book on China

Yuan-Kang Wang, sociology and public affairs and administration, has had a new book published that examines whether China's



Wang

pacifist Confucian culture has constrained its use of force in the past and discusses the implications for today's international politics.

The book, "Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power Politics," was published this year by Columbia University Press. It shows that the pacifist, antimilitarist bias of Confucian culture has not constrained Chinese use of force and that the country has displayed strategic behavior similar to that of other great powers.

An assistant professor at WMU since 2008, Wang conducts research in the areas of international relations, East Asian security and Chinese foreign policy.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Trustees approve retirements of four faculty, 41 staff members

The retirements of four faculty members and 41 staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Dec. 17 meeting.

All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Bruce Naftel, associate professor of art, 38-1/2 years, April 26, 2013; Peter G. Northouse, professor of communication, 36-1/2 years, April 30, 2011; Iskender Sahin, professor of mechanical and aeronautical engineering, 26-1/2 years, Dec. 21, 2010; and Robert Waite, associate professor of sociology, 38-1/2 years, June 13, 2010.

Trustees also approved a promotion for Sharon Peterson, who was raised in rank from instructor to assistant professor of educational leadership, research and technology, effective Aug. 20, 2010.

The retiring staff members with service dates ending in January are retiring in 2011; the remaining staffers retired in 2010. They are: Ellen L. Armstrong, advisor, art, 14 years, Dec. 31; Nancy L. Arneson, coordinator, Environmental Studies Program, 14 years, Jan. 23; Kathleen A. Barnes, senior director of principal gifts, Development Office, 12 years, Oct. 25; Stephanie M. Boris, coordinator of physical processing, Waldo Library, 29 years, Dec. 31; Robert L. Campbell, financial services specialist, Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, 28 years, Dec. 31; Kerry L. Cochran, office assistant, Department of Physics, 10 years, Dec. 31;

Janice L. Dekker, academic advisor, College of Health and Human Services, 34 years, Jan. 31; Marcia Ellis, physician assistant, Sindecuse Health Center, 26 years, Dec. 12; Patricia M. Emelander, clerk, Registrar's Office, 14 years, Jan. 31; Wil B. Emmert, contract and grant specialist II, Office of the Vice President for Research, 36 years, Jan. 31; Linda M. Emmons, custodial service supervisor, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services, 21 years, Jan. 31; Barbara J. Eshuis, office assistant, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, 15 years, Jan. 28;

Joyce A. Gard, office coordinator, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology,

27 years, Jan. 31; Jeffrey J. Hanson, skills training specialist II, Center for Disability Services, 21 years, Dec. 31; Susan M. Henker, office supervisor, Registrar's Office, 15 years, Jan. 31; Deanna J. Hinkle, senior administrative assistant, Development Office, 20 years, Dec. 31; Carol A. Hogmire, office supervisor, Department of Public Safety, 23 years, Jan. 31; Delores J. Huber, office coordinator, Mallinson Institute for Science Education, 17 years, Jan. 31;

Jane M. Jacobs, pharmacy technician, Sindecuse Health Center, 10 years, Oct. 15; Victoria E. Janson, research compliance coordinator, Office of Vice President for Research, 11 years, Jan. 31; Linda K. Judy, graphic designer, Medieval Institute, 23 years, Jan. 31; David J. Kotecki, industrial hygienist, Department of Public Safety, 20 years, Jan. 31; Joanne M. Lee, clerk, Registrar's Office, 28 years, Jan. 31; Mark S. Liberacki, office technology coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, 36 years, Oct. 3; Pamela G. Liberacki, associate director of admissions, Office of Admissions, 36 years, Jan. 31;

Marsha A. Magga, office coordinator, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 31 years, Jan. 31; Barbara McKinney, registrar, Registrar's Office, 30 years, Jan. 3; Michele C. McLaughlin, associate registrar-scheduling, Registrar's Office, 28 years, Jan. 31; Linda Opalewski, finance

assistant, Logistical Services, 20 years, Oct. 11; Floyd Pientka, general manager, WMUK radio, 26 years, Jan. 31;

Mark S. Rafferty, manager of cash operations, Dining Services-cash operations, 34 years, Jan. 31; Pamela J. Robertson, office coordinator, Registrar's Office, 21 years, Jan. 31; Gregory G. Roseboom, manager of utility administration, Facilities Management-maintenance services, 27 years, Oct. 31; Pamela S. Rups, coordinator of the Instructional Technology Center, Office of Information Technology, 31 years, Jan. 31; Lawrence C. Scott, transportation manager, Facilities Management-transportation services, 22 years, Jan. 31;

Marcia L. Thompson, process associate, Human Resources, 13 years, Oct. 1; Iverne E. Thompson, office associate, WMUK radio, 20 years, Oct. 31; Sharon K. Wagner, webmaster, Registrar's Office, 14 years, Jan. 3; Klazina A. Welch, office coordinator, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, 37 years, Jan. 31; Jene A. Wenzlaff, office associate, Extended University Programs-WMU Southwest, 10 years, Jan. 31; and Walter L. Worthy, research and program officer, Office of the Vice President for Research, 22 years, Jan. 31.

The faculty member resigning is Edward Van Wesep, faculty specialist II-lecturer, Department of Economics, effective May 1, 2011.

Nomination deadline approaching for semiannual staff awards



Nominations for the spring round of WMU's semiannual Make A Difference awards are due by Feb. 28.

Make a Difference is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes University staff members for their accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. It features semiannual and annual awards available to Staff Compensation System, AFSCME, MSEA and POA employees who provide exceptional services to the University.

Every fall and spring, semiannual awards are presented to a maximum of 15 people. Award winners receive a certificate and a prize of \$300 (before taxes) and are recognized at a special reception. Annual Make A Difference awards, which include a prize of \$1,200 (before taxes), are extended to each year's four most outstanding semiannual award recipients.

Visit www.wmich.edu/hr/make-a-difference year round for nomination forms and guidelines.

Service

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during January.

40 Years—Regina E. Buckner, University Libraries.

35 Years—Charles A. Boos, information technology.

30 Years—Kirk D. Arnold, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; John Gregory Fitzgerald, University Libraries; Patrick L. Northrop, University Libraries; and Judy A. Rozek, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services.

25 Years—Pradipkumar N. Bhatt, Sindecuse Health Center; Frances A. Buell, Facilities Management-landscape services; Robert D. Champion, Facilities Management-maintenance services; John William Disbro, Facilities Management-landscape services; and Todd K. Mossman, Human Resources.

20 Years—Rebecca Blodgett, Facilities

Management-maintenance services; Lorraine A. Caron, WMUK; Kimberly Kay Cho, Center for English Language and Culture; James M. Davis, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Mario A. Galbreath, information technology; Lynda L. Hunt, Development Office; Calvin Jones, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Kathy L. Mitchell, ombudsman's office; Joyce A. Simonds, Dining Services-Bernhard Center; Martha B. Warfield, diversity and inclusion; and David A. Wyman, Facilities Management-landscape services.

15 Years—Barbara J. Eshuis, family and consumer sciences; Rose Ella P. Lyke, College of Aviation; JoAnn Jones Marcilous, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Linda L. Poquette, alumni relations; Kathy L. Rix, Registrar's Office; and Shelly L. Russell, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services.

10 Years—Rebecca D. Coy, public safety; June Dowdy, Dining Services-Davis; Sandra Lee Gernaat, public safety; Sheri Harper, Facilities Management-projects and construction; Harold L. Hladky, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging; Lynda Diana Root, educational leadership, research and technology; Shirley A. Swift, College of Arts and Sciences; Kevin A. Wesel, College of Fine Arts; and James H. Whittles, College of Aviation.

Five Years—Gordon M. Bolar, WMUK; Fawn E. Callen, information technology; Kimberly J. Cauchy, Miller Auditorium; Anne Cullen, Evaluation Center; Debora S. Karnemaat, Sindecuse Health Center; Glen P. Langworthy, College of Aviation; Eric J. McConnell, ombudsman's office; Michael Schwartz, College of Aviation; Craig A. Warner, public safety; and Lori A. Whitehead, alumni relations.

On Campus with Lisa Johnson



NEVER LISTLESS
(Photo by Deanne Puca)

Departments across campus depend on staff members like Lisa Johnson to get correspondence out to groups of alumni, current students, parents and the community in the most effective way. As a database specialist in the Development Office, her job is to compile contact lists for e-mails and other correspondence from databases containing hundreds of thousands of names and addresses.

"One of our goals is to let departments know we are here to take the e-mail burden off them. We can assure the right people are being sent information and that 15 different e-mails aren't coming to one person," Johnson says.

Maintaining lists of about 350,000 records and 45,000 e-mail addresses in a single database makes updating easier and more efficient. Plus, it allows Johnson to cross reference requests for specific contacts and to access opt-out requests. This information prevents over-contacting people or sending them information they have asked not to receive.

"When each department has its own marketing list, they don't have access to those opt-out lists. You don't want to aggravate people," she says.

Johnson began her career at WMU in 2009 after spending 10 years teaching computers to adults through the computer training company New Horizons. Her job as an instructor involved teaching computer skills to adults so that they could apply for jobs.

"I helped them acquire new skills sets for a new job," she explains. "We covered everything from basic skills to Web page design."

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in comparative religion from Albion College and had planned to enter the counseling field. But while working at and managing Albion's student computer labs, she found that technology and teaching were her stronger suits. After graduation, she spent two years in technical support and then joined New Horizons.

While with the company, Johnson moved to Mattawan and became advisor to WMU's chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity, also serving as its advisory chair from 2002 to 2004. She met her husband Cory, a WMU graduate, through their involvement in the chapter. The couple has two sons, ages 7 and 2.

Johnson and her husband are avid fly fishermen and duck, goose and turkey hunters. In addition, she enjoys reading, is a member of a book club, does yoga and Pilates, and is a big fan of science fiction's Doctor Who. Down the road, she hopes to rekindle her passion for playing the violin, which she played as a child and throughout college.

Student workers to be honored during annual employee appreciation week celebration

The University will recognize some 4,000 student employees during its 25th annual Student Employee Appreciation Week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 14-18.

Career and Student Employment Services, which sponsors the week, is accepting nominations through Tuesday, Feb. 8, for the awards it bestows in conjunction with the observance.

The week is a time to honor all student employees for their hard work and the many ways they contribute to WMU. Another main feature of the week is presentation of the student employee Supervisor of the

Year award and Gary L. Belleville Student Employee of the Year award.

The 2011 award winners and nominees will be celebrated during a reception from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. All nominees and their nominators will receive an invitation to the reception, which will be held in the Bernhard Center's West Ballroom, with the awards program starting at 3 p.m.

WMU faculty and staff members are encouraged to submit award nominations and to thank their student workers in some way during appreciation week.

While supplies last, the career services

office will provide small gifts that may be used as thank-yous for student workers. Gift requests must be received by Tuesday, Feb. 8. The office also has developed a list of suggestions for other ways to thank student employees and makes available a template that can be used to create certificates of appreciation.

Visit www.wmich.edu/career/studentemployment/seaw/nominate.html for more information and to obtain or request appreciation week materials. Direct questions to Brenda Case-Parris at brenda.case-parris@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2725.

Founding medical school dean announced

research university in a community with major health care, educational and life sciences assets.

"I am honored to serve as the founding dean as part of an extraordinary partnership of the University, Borgess Health, Bronson Healthcare and the community. Building on the significant strengths of the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies physicians, as well as other physicians in the region who will have the opportunity for faculty roles, this is an exceptional opportunity for innovation as we work together to create the future of medical education right here in Kalamazoo."

Private funding specifically for the medical school will be used for Jenson's annual base

salary of \$400,000.

Jenson earned a medical degree from George Washington University and later a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. His pediatrics residency was at Case Western Reserve University's Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. He was a pediatric infectious diseases fellow at the Yale University School of Medicine and a visiting fellow in molecular biology at Cambridge's Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research.

In addition to his current role as a regional dean at Tufts, Jenson has had faculty positions at the Yale University School of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Eastern

Virginia Medical School, where he served as chair of pediatrics. Active in education and clinical activities, he specializes in clinical infectious diseases and virology.

Jenson is the author of more than 250 papers, commentaries and book chapters. He also is associate editor of the newsletter Infectious Disease Alert and an editor of the "Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics."

Jack R. Luderer, a longtime medical researcher and former executive director of WMU's Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center, has served as interim dean for the medical school since June 2010. With Jenson's appointment, Luderer assumes the post of associate dean for research at the WMU School of Medicine.

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