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Research Week

Bethesda, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) hosts its annual research symposium May 16 -18, this year's theme is, "Global Public Health: The Changing Role of Military Medicine."

The three-day event is designed to showcase the research interests and achievements of the scientists at USU and its affiliate institutions, and to promote collaboration both within the university and with the adjunct faculty at a variety of federal, state, and private-university research facilities. The week consists of school-specific programs and university-wide events: the Graduate School of Nursing Research Colloquium, Tuesday, May 16; the School of Medicine's Graduate School Colloquium, Wednesday, May 17; and the Faculty Senate Research Day, Thursday, May 18, which highlights presentations by researchers across the university. The full program of events is accessible through the USU home page or at <http://usuresearchday.hjf.org/>.

The program includes symposia featuring USU faculty and affiliated faculty speakers, poster presentations by USU faculty and students, oral presentations by graduate students in both basic sciences and nursing research, and two nationally prominent invited speakers: Solomon Snyder, M.D., a neuropharmacologist with the John Hopkins School of Medicine, who studies the cellular mechanisms by which neurotransmitters and drugs alter brain function; and Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., the chief executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a scientist whose groundbreaking research in mental health on drug habituation has stirred national controversy and contributed greatly to national drug treatment policy.

USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The medical students are all active duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies.

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