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- **TREC@WUSTL**, a National Cancer Institute-funded research center led by Dr. Colditz and other faculty in the division, recently announced its 2013-2014 pilot project awards. The new pilot projects will examine: the influence of obesity and metformin use on progression of MGUS to multiple myeloma; the interaction of dietary fat and fatty acid trafficking on intestinal polyp formation; and a randomized, controlled worksite health intervention with employees at Ameren in St. Louis. Researchers in TREC@WUSTL are studying the link between obesity and cancer using a unique transdisciplinary approach. In addition to **four main research projects and projects across the four national TREC centers**, each year TREC@WUSTL funds one-year developmental pilot projects that focus on priorities within the center. Read more about the new pilot projects here.

- **Ross Brownson, PhD**, Brown School faculty with a a secondary appointment in the Division of Public Health Sciences, was recently featured in the Record's *Washington People* section. Read the article here: ["From the mountains to Missouri: Brownson is a leading expert in chronic disease prevention."]

- **Jean Wang, MD, PhD**, a gastroenterologist with a secondary appointment in the division, is slated...
once again to teach the "Community and Public Health" section of the *The Practice of Medicine* (POM) I and II courses for WUSM medical students during the 2013-2014 academic year. Several division faculty members have given guest lectures in these courses, including Melody Goodman, PhD (health disparities) and Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH (screening).

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