



Seminars

Attending to Pain in the Age of the Opioid Crisis

Brett McCarty, ThD
Joel Shuman, PhD

As Christians, what does attending to persons in pain look like in light of the opioid crisis? This session will consider this question in three ways: first, we will provide a brief theological and historical account of our contemporary approaches to pain and its management; second, we will open up space for sharing stories of attending to persons in pain; and third, we will conclude by describing a few practices that may assist us in faithfully attending to persons in pain today. *Offered at 1:30pm and 3:15pm, 060 Langford*

A Conversation about Faith-Based Health Care to the Underserved

Stephen Bergin, MD Elizabeth Brill, MPS
Amy Lee, MD Jessie Prestwood, MD

Samaritan Health Center, like other member clinics in the Christian Community Health Fellowship, seeks to blend faith and medicine to serve the uninsured and underinsured in its community. Join staff and volunteer physicians from the clinic to hear how it has impacted their practice in both faith-based and secular environments. Please bring your own questions and experiences to share! *Offered at 1:30pm only, 0015 Westbrook*

Further Conversation about Race, Health and Christian Social Ethics

Gabrielle Daniels, MDiv
Patrick T. Smith, PhD

This seminar extends the conversation from the plenary session on "Medical Racism." We further develop some spiritual resources from Christian tradition that inform and impact both practice and presence in healthcare as an embodied response to medical racism. Further, we will highlight the interpersonal and systemic challenges of understanding, discussing, and confronting medical racism in its various forms. Lastly, we reflect together on how Jesus and the gospel can point the way forward to establishing trust and moving our communities away from the legacy of racism and towards a vision of shalom. *Offered at 1:30pm and 3:15pm, 110 Gray*

Intersecting Stories: Chaplains, Clinicians, & The Importance of Narrative

Eva Bleeker, MA,MS
Aaron Klink, MDiv, ThM

As clinicians and patients, we live in the midst of stories - narratives of illness, faith, culture, and family - and we bring them into clinical settings. Illness disrupts these narratives and can cause patients to feel that their lives are unraveling. This session explores how the stories we bring to our clinical encounters can help patients weave and re-weave their life tapestries during the difficulties of illness. *Offered at 1:30pm and 3:15pm, 145 Langford*





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Staying Present to Suffering Throughout Medical Training: A Vision from Phronesis

John Brewer Eberly, MD
James Lefler, MD

In this workshop, attending physician James Lefler and recent medical school graduate John Brewer Eberly, Jr. will trace the challenges of staying present to suffering in the midst of medical training. This session will follow the formation (and malformation) of the medical professional through medical school, residency, and into the first several years of practice, highlighting the possibilities of phronesis, or "practical wisdom," in practicing presence with the suffering. The bulk of this seminar will be spent in conversation with participants. **Offered at 1:30pm and 3:15pm, 0012 Westbrook**

Paying Attention

Martha Carlough, MD MPH

Instructions for living a life:

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

From Mary Oliver's poem *Sometimes*

This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the power of poetry to deepen our ability to be present – in our daily lives, with our patients, and in the often harried and complicated world we live in. We will explore the works of poets, including some physician poets, who can be companions on the journey and reflect together on ways in which words can deepen listening skills, compassion and resiliency. **Offered at 1:30pm and 3:15pm, 0013 Westbrook**

The Particular Role of Nursing as Witness to Suffering in the ICU

Jonathan McGee, RN
Melia Kalsbeek, RN, BSN, CCRN

Nursing is uniquely positioned as the clinical discipline in closest contact with patients and patient-families in the modern Intensive Care Unit. The intimacy proper to nursing care provides bedside ICU nurses with a unique opportunity and responsibility to witness to the physical, emotional, and spiritual sufferings of patients and their families. We will explore the theology of suffering and the structure of the modern ICU to better discover the role of nursing in helping patients and patient-families find comfort or meaning in their suffering regardless of their spiritual background. **Offered at 3:15pm only, 107 Westbrook**

