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A Gathering for Christians in Health Care

From Machines to Creatures: Healing Our Vision of Health

Friday, September 23 - Saturday, September 24, 2022

Duke Divinity School

Friday, September 23

- 2:30pm** Registration
Top of Westbrook Building
- 3:00pm** Plenary - The Art of Living as Creatures
- *Brian Volck, in conversation with Martha Carlough*
Goodson Chapel
- 4:15pm** Welcome Reception
Bovender Terrace
- 5:00pm** Dinner
Divinity Cafe
- 6:00pm** Worship
Goodson Chapel
- 6:15pm** Plenary - This Sacred Life: Humanity's Place in a Wounded World
- *Norman Wirzba, in conversation with Warren Kinghorn*
Goodson Chapel



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Saturday, September 24

- 8:30am** Breakfast
Divinity Cafe
- 9:30am** Morning Prayer & Worship
Goodson Chapel
- 9:45am** Plenary - Shalom: A Theological Vision for Health and Healing
- Patrick T. Smith, in conversation with Brett McCarty
Goodson Chapel
- 10:45am** Break
- 11:15am** Session 1 Seminars
Various Divinity Classrooms
- 12:30pm** Lunch
Divinity Cafe
- 1:45pm** Session 2 Seminars
Various Divinity Classrooms
- 3:00pm** Break and Free Time
Duke Campus
- 5:00pm** Dinner
Divinity Cafe
- 6:00pm** Worship
Goodson Chapel
- 6:15pm** Plenary - What Does It Mean to Be Healed?
- Sarah Jean Barton, in conversation with Warren Kinghorn
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Saturday, September 24 - Morning Seminars - 11:15am

Jesus was not a healing machine. Neither are we.

Tamara Fitzgerald, MD

Healing was a large part of Jesus's ministry and he was often faced with overwhelming numbers of sick people, exhaustion and criticism of his work. During the pandemic we have faced many challenges as health professionals and we may sometimes feel like "cogs in a healthcare machine". This will be an interactive seminar to identify areas where we have experienced wounding and then invite the Holy Spirit to heal those places, rejuvenate us and give us new vision.

To Power Down or To Practice Death: Hope for Insomniacs from the Biblical Narrative

Benjamin Long, MD

This seminar gives a brief overview of current perspectives in insomnia treatment. Compares and contrasts this with an understanding of sleep from the Biblical narrative. Then, closes with both a conceptual & practical vision for the future of insomnia management in light of this understanding.

Virtue or Technique? Pursuing Health in an Age of Efficiency

Joshua Briscoe, MD

Relying on the works of Jacques Ellul, Neil Postman, Alasdair MacIntyre, and Leon Kass, seminar participants will learn how the aim of medicine has changed over time. In an attempt to redirect medicine toward the satisfaction of individual desire (rather than toward health), totalizing efficiency has unwittingly unseated both, much to the detriment of everyone involved. Participants would discuss how a deeper appreciation for the imago Dei and virtue can properly reorder the practice of medicine.

Take. Bless. Break. Give.

Martha Carlough, MD, MPH

This workshop will use the four-fold movement of the Eucharist as a model for how health care practitioners can choose to occupy our roles in health and healing. We will explore this both in relation to individual patient encounters and in broader ways where our voices and actions in the wider world serve to advocate for God's abundant economy where "there is enough if we share it."



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Saturday, September 24 - Afternoon Seminars - 1:45pm

Appropriate Response to Receiving a Living Donor or Deceased Donor Organ Transplant *Stuart Knechtle, MD*

Organ transplant recipients benefit from receiving a life-giving organ from their donor, either from a living (kidney, liver), or deceased donor. The seminar will consider what is an appropriate response of the recipient to the donor with respect to expressing appreciation, and consider how society should consider expressing appreciation to the donor.

Seeing Ourselves Sacred: The Role of Spiritual Care in Rehumanizing Medicine *Michele Gourley, MD, MPH, MTS*

Though original methods of healing acknowledged the importance of both physical and spiritual health, modern medicine has trended toward seeing human beings as physical bodies to be fixed. Through the lens of research, clinical anecdotes and personal story, this seminar will create space to explore how spiritual care can bring a sense of humanity to the modern healthcare system, both to patients and providers.

The Abolition of Man in the COVID ICU

Jonathan McGee, RN

We will reflect on the writings of C.S. Lewis, particularly *The Abolition of Man*, in the context of the COVID ICU. How is the COVID ICU a prophecy fulfilled, and how can Lewis' wisdom guide us, as health care providers, to a post-traumatic growth rather than further regression in to dehumanizing materialism?

Biblical Narratives for Promoting Advanced Care Planning and Other Health Behaviors *Darriel Harris, PhD, MDiv*

Theology has long relied on biblical narratives to influence the behaviors of both Christians and non-Christians. Recently, scientific research in the field of Public Health has affirmed the effectiveness of such persuasive methods. Utilized to promote Advanced Care Planning and other health behaviors, biblical narratives hold under-utilized potential to move our communities towards improved health and dignity in life, death, and the transition between the two.

