Narrative Medicine Workshops
For Pre-Health Students
Spring 2014

The care of the sick unfolds in stories. Through narrative medicine workshops, learn the skills to recognize, absorb, interpret, and act on the stories of illness, and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead in your health care career.

What: A six-week introductory workshop in narrative medicine, a field where medical practitioners strengthen clinical practice with narrative competence. The sessions will focus on re-conceptualizing empathy, narrative ethics, bearing witness, and illness narratives. Workshops will offer firsthand experience in close reading, reflective writing, and autobiographical exercises.

Who: Space for 12 Columbia pre-health career students able to attend all 6 sessions; No prior experience in creative writing or literature necessary!

When & Where: Wednesdays from 7:30-9 pm: Feb 26th, March 5, 12 & 26, April 2 & 9, 2014 (no session during Spring Break)
Location: Morningside Campus, Classroom TBD.

Participants will:
• develop the narrative competence to nourish empathic doctor-patient relationships
• learn narrative communication strategies for patient-centered practice
• learn effective techniques for attentive listening, adopting others’ perspectives, accurate representation, and reflective reasoning

NEW DATE: Come out for our info session on Wednesday February 12th, 2014 at 7.30 pm, Lerner Hall, Room 403

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