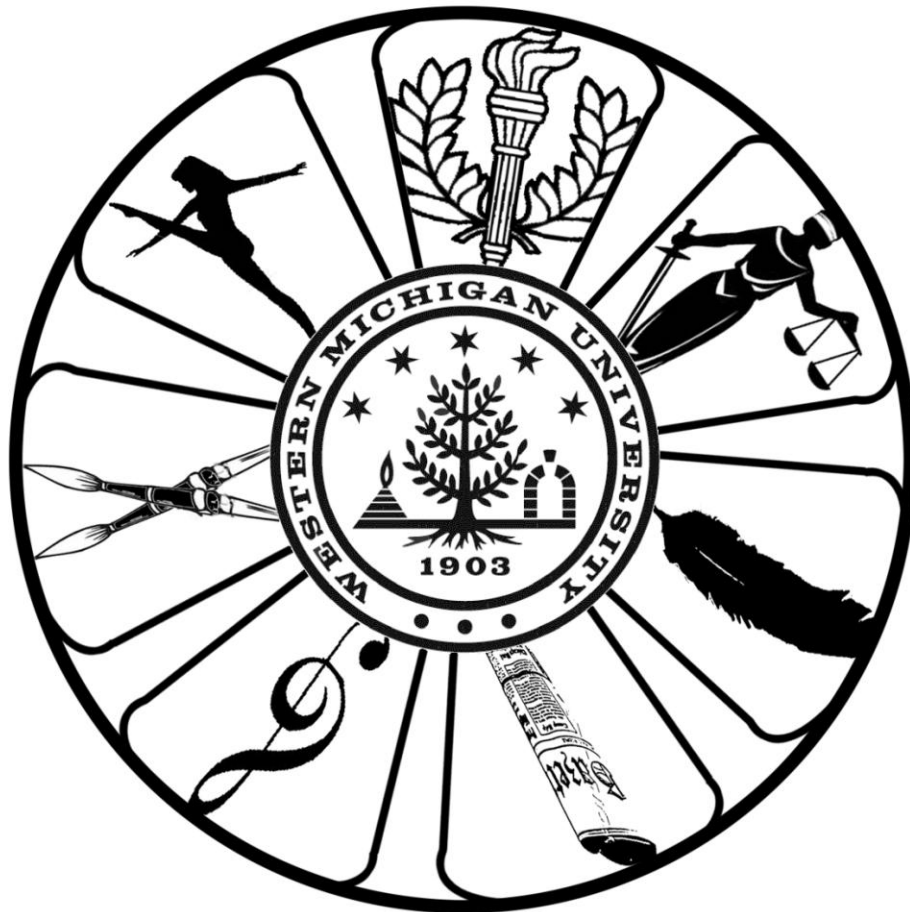


**Western Michigan University
Medical Humanities Workgroup**



**Conference Program
September 24-25, 2015**

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About Us: Under the direction of Dr. Fritz Allhoff and Mr. David Charlton, the Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Workgroup works to coordinate individuals from the campus and broader Kalamazoo community with interests in the humanistic dimensions of medicine and health. To this end, we understand the medical humanities quite broadly, including, but not limited to: medical ethics, history of medicine, medical anthropology, religious approaches to health, health narratives, health education, conceptions of wellness, and so on.

The workgroup's mission, initially simply to aid the collaboration of people with shared interests and celebrate the strengths of WMU and the surrounding community, has expanded to include planning and hosting academic events—both at the undergraduate and professional levels, providing a platform for extramural funding and research, and assisting in the development of new curricula in the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine and in the WMU College of Arts and Sciences—with respect to the latter, in the form of a new undergraduate medical humanities minor. With the continued interest and support of the campus and local community, the workgroup continues to flourish into a dynamic, powerful resource which serves myriad research and educational goals.

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration, [Fetzer Center](#) Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 am

Concurrent Session I

I. A. History of Medicine (Fetzer 2020)

1. “The First Inoculation Debate: A Quantitative Text Analysis of the Boston Smallpox Epidemic of 1721” **Elizabeth Ensink**, Mellon Scholars Program, Hope College
2. “Resexing the Medical Woman: Figures of the Feminine and the 19th C. Literary Female Doctors” **Aneesa Sataur**, Westchester General Hospital Family Practice Residency; Department of Ethics, Humanities and the Arts, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
3. “In Sickness and In Health: Medical Care at the Poydras Female Asylum, New Orleans, 1817-1918” **Pamela Tyler**, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi

I. B. Intersections of Mind and Body (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Beta-Blockers as a Treatment for Traumatic Experiences in Military Contexts” **Jeremy Dawson**, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson University
2. “Will You Be My Doctor?” **Padmashri Rastogi**, Department of Internal Medicine, UT Southwestern Medical Center
3. “Disappointment of the Body: Henri Cole’s Poetic Body” **Kathleen Carlton Johnson**, Department of History, Gogebic Community College

I. C. Sociological Studies in Medical Humanities (Fetzer 2040)

1. “Promoting *Mino-bimaadziwin*: Anishinaabe Perspectives on Service Delivery Among Frontline Healthcare Workers” **Brock Pitawanakwat**, Department of Indigenous Studies, University of Sudbury; **Kian Madjed**, Northern Ontario School of Medicine & School of Rural and Northern Health, Laurentian University
2. “Culture and the Health of Serbian Roma/Gypsies” **Jelena Cvorovic**, Institute of Ethnography, Serbian Academy of Science and Arts; **Rizwana Biviji-Sharma**, Department of Health Policy and Management, IUPUI; **Kathryn Coe**, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, IUPUI

10:45 – 11:45 am

Concurrent Session II

II. A. Empathy in Health and Healthcare (Fetzer 2020)

1. “The Role of Therapeutic Empathy in an Interpretive Epistemology” **Andrew Molas**, Department of Philosophy, York University
2. “Should Physicians Be Empathetic? Refining Clinical Empathy” **David Schwan**, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University

II. B. Topics in Biomedical Ethics (Fetzer 2030)

1. "Universalizable Health Care – A Kantian View of Topics in Bioethics" **Henry Curtis**, State University of New York at Albany
2. "Ethics, the Theatre, and Encouraging Response to Medical Error" **Shirley Bach**, Department of Philosophy & Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, Western Michigan University

II. C. Conceptual Analysis of Health (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Medicine, Self, and the Other" **Sourav Saha**, Department of Sociology, Presidency University

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch Break (Fetzer 1035/1045)

Lunch Provided for Conference Registrants

1:15 – 2:15 pm

Plenary Session I (Putney Auditorium)

"Hospitals, Charnel Houses, and Error-Provocative Designs" **Wade Robison**, Department of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Concurrent Session III

III. A. Farms, Food Production, and Healthcare (Fetzer 2020)

1. "Social Farming across the Spectrum" **Lisa A. Szymecko**, Center for Bioethics and Social Science in Medicine, University of Michigan
2. "Healthy Food and Healthcare: The Story of One Hospital Farm" **Daniel Bair**, Careful Farmer

III. B. Research Ethics: Comparative Populations (Fetzer 2030)

1. "Sex-Based Research in the Study of Disease: Changing Clinical Studies for the Public Good" **Alana Baker**, Department of English, East Carolina University
2. "Constructing Medical Reality: Epistemologies of Race and Disease Classifications from Genetics to Genomics" **Jordan Liz**, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis

III. C. Vaccinations and Parental Decisions (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Should Pediatricians 'Nudge' Parents to Vaccinate Their Children?" **Mark Navin**, Department of Philosophy, Oakland University
2. "Heralding the Pariahs: What the Narratives of Vaccine Hesitant Parents Can Teach Us about Medical Rhetoric and Physician-Patient Relationships" **Bradley Thornock**, Department of Philosophy, Saginaw Valley State University

3:45 – 4:45 pm

Concurrent Session IV

IV. A. Sex and Healthcare (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Physician-Authored Marital Advice Books in the Early Twentieth Century and the New Concept of Sexual Expertise” **Matthew Lavine**, Department of History, Mississippi State University
2. “Let’s Talk About Sex (Pills)” **Ruth Tallman**, Department of Philosophy, Barry University; **Cheryl Frazier**, Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma

IV. B. Research Ethics: Breast Cancer (Fetzer 2030)

1. “The Ethics of Screening for Breast Cancer” **Muriel Lederman**, Department of Biology & Women’s and Gender Studies, Virginia Tech

IV. C. Issues of Personal Identity (Fetzer 2040)

1. “Losing One’s Self: Personal Identity in Active Addiction” **Kirsten M. Kringle**, Department of Biomedical Ethics, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
2. “Why Interests that Survive Dementia Carry Moral Authority” **Matt Sayball**, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara; Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of North Carolina Wilmington

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Keynote Address (Putney Auditorium)

“The Necessary Tablet: The Healing Power of Creative Expression” **Stacy Nigliazzo**, Memorial Hermann Hospital

6:00 – 7:15 pm

Reception (Fetzer 1040/50)

Open to all Conference Registrants

7:15 pm

Conference Dinner (Fetzer 1040/50)

Registration Required

Friday, September 25

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration, Fetzer Center Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 am

Concurrent Session V

V. A. Health, Healthcare, and Literature (Fetzer 2020)

1. “‘Perfect Nurse. Perfect Patient’: Bodywork and Taking on the Death of the Other in Marlene van Niekerk’s *Agaat*” **Lara Buxbaum**, School of Literature, Language and Media, University of the Witwatersrand
2. “Reading Subjectivity at the Juncture of Literature and Cultural Politics: Asian American Women and the Psychoanalytic Revolt” **Perry Miller**, Department of Comparative Studies, Ohio State University
3. “Human Dimensions of Medical Research and Practice: Lessons from Frankenstein and Kafka” **Jeffrey Byrnes**, Department of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University; **Andrew Spear**, Department of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University

V. B. Issues and Challenges of Medical Humanities Pedagogy (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Improving Ethics and Humanities Education for Medical Students: Rhythm, Pedagogy, and Technique” **Jason Adam Wasserman**, William Beaumont School of Medicine, Oakland University; **Ernest F. Krug**, William Beaumont School of Medicine, Oakland University
2. “Examining the What and Why of Medical Humanities” **Mary Buchinger Bodwell**, School of Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
3. “Literary Studies as Medical ‘Practice’ in Undergraduate Curriculums” **Rosemary Weatherston**, College of Liberal Arts and Education, University of Detroit Mercy

V. C. New and Traditional Ethical Challenges (Fetzer 2040)

1. “Irreversibility and Medical Decision-Making” **Zak Kopeikin**, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder
2. “Commercial Surrogacy as Less Objectionable Baby-Selling” **Eric Chwang**, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder
3. “Understanding Autonomy” **Kelsey Gipe**, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Concurrent Session VI

VI. A. Political and Systematic Healthcare Analyses (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Conservative Black Public Intellectualism and Health Policy: A Critical Reading of Dr. Ben Carson” **Daniel Skinner**, Department of Social Medicine, Ohio University and Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine; **Alex Zamalin**, Department of Political Science, University of Detroit Mercy
2. “Marxian Theory and the Commodity Question for Health Care in the United States” **Alex B. Neitzke**, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University
3. “Health Care Commons: From Patient-Consumer to Patient-Citizen” **Roel Feys**, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina

VI. B. Uses and Challenges of Illness Narratives (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Introducing Illness Narratives in Pre-Health Education” **Trisha Paul**, University of Michigan Medical School
2. “Salvaging the Wreck: Rethinking Illness Narrative Advocacy” **Kathy Behrendt**, Department of Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University

VI. C. Questions of Autonomy (Fetzer 2040)

1. “The Patient’s Duty to Disclose” **Allison Massof**, Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University
2. “Self-Care of the Contemporary Ethical Subject” **Steffi Castillo**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia
3. “Intimate Injustice and the Limits of Patient Autonomy” **Andy Wible**, Department of Philosophy, Muskegon Community College

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Lunch Break (Fetzer 1035/1045)

Lunch Provided for Conference Registrants

1:45 – 2:45 pm

Concurrent Session VII

VII. A. Health and Philosophy (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Walking: A Nexus between Health and Philosophy” **Mark R. Huston**, Department of Philosophy, Schoolcraft College
2. “Plato’s Conception of the Relations between Moral Philosophy and Medicine” **Mark Moes**, Department of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University

VII. B. Health, Healing, and Visual Representations (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Training the Eye: Enhancing Examination Skills through Visual Literacy” **William Charland**, Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
2. “‘Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep’: Fostering Understanding, Communication, and Healing through Remembrance Photography” **Joan W. Hoff**, Department of Philosophy & University Ethics Center, Lock Haven University

VII. C. **Implications of Professionalism** (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Special Obligations and the Practice of Professionalism" **William Smith**, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame & Emory University School of Medicine

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Session VIII

VIII. A. **Philosophers and Quandaries of Death and Dying** (Fetzer 2020)

1. "The Continental Perspective on Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia" **Jack Simmons**, Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy, Armstrong Atlantic State University
2. "Kant and Abortion: The Case of Maternal Infanticide" **Daniel Smith**, Department of Philosophy, Penn State University

VIII. B. **Therapeutic Art and Design** (Fetzer 2030)

1. "The ART of Infertility: Facilitating a Cross-Cultural & Dialogical Approach to Arts-Based Medicine" **Maria Novotny**, Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, Michigan State University; **Elizabeth Horn-Walker**, The ART of Infertility
2. "Moving Outside the Hospital: Connecting Medicine to the Natural Environment" **Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig**, Libraries and Medical Humanities, University of Florida College of Medicine

VIII. C. **Issues of Consent in Healthcare** (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Revisiting 'Presumed Consent'" **Shin Kim**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
2. "Reimagining Informed Consent in the Age of Health Literacy" **Christopher R. Trudeau**, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School

4:15 – 5:15 pm

Plenary Session III (Putney Auditorium)

"Kalamazoo Valley Bronson Healthy Living Campus: A Community Approach to Health" **Rachel Chadderdon Bair**, Culinary Arts & Sustainable Food Systems, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

5:15 pm

Closing Remarks

5:30 pm

Reception

[Central City Tap House](#)
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
Cash Bar

6:45 pm

Conference Dinner

[Mangia Mangia Italian Ristorante](#)
209 S. Kalamazoo Mall
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