**NEWS AND RESOURCES:**

**Bellevue Hospital Hosts Healing Experts**

On February 3, 2012 the Mayor's Office facilitated a meeting between the Somaly Mam Foundation (SMF) and the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture (PSOT). At the meeting, Mayor’s Office Survivors of Human Trafficking Working Group (Working Group) members Allen Keller, MD, Program Director, and Hawthorne “Hawk” Smith, PhD, Clinical Director, sat down with SMF founder, and survivor of human trafficking, Somaly Mam to share experiences in healing and rebuilding lives. “There is much we can learn from each other’s work,” noted Dr. Keller, who earlier in his career worked as a medical volunteer in Cambodia. “Somaly Mam’s journey from trafficking victim to empowered survivor and advocate is nothing less than inspirational.”

Deputy Counsel Norma Abbene and the Mayor's Office Survivors of Human Trafficking Working Group facilitated these discussions with healing experts and Somaly Mam. NYU Langone Medical Center's Drs. Loren Wissner Greene, Allen Keller, and Margaret McHugh are on the NYC Mayor’s Task Force on Human Trafficking, along with Norman Greene, Esq. At the event, Dr. Hawthorne Smith made an elegant presentation.

More information about the Mayor’s Task Force on Human Trafficking:

**Think Different:** *An integrated humanities curriculum teaches medical students new ways of seeing.*

There is a lot happening at many medical schools with regard to promotion of medical humanities. Attached is a link to an article about some interesting developments at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. These activities are being developed and promoted by Dr. Jay Baruch, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Although lengthy, this article provides many insights and food for thought.

http://tinyurl.com/78yejq

**A few articles of interest** (attached as PDFs)


**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
**A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream: Oneiropoiesis and the Prism of Imagination**

**Tuesday, February 28, 5:00PM**
The Humanities Initiative at NYU, 20 Cooper Square, 5th Floor
*Free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Please reserve your place at: [http://bitly.com/dreaminterpreted](http://bitly.com/dreaminterpreted).*

A panel celebrating the publication of *A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream: Oneiropoiesis and the Prism of Imagination* (Zone Books, 2011), by Elliot Wolfson, Abraham Lieberman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, NYU. Panelists include Virginia Burrus (Theology, Drew University), Jonathan Garb (Jewish Thought, Hebrew University), and Avital Ronell (German, NYU).

In *A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream*, Wolfson grapples with the allusive and elusive place dreaming occupies in the panorama of human experience. Drawing on a variety of contemporary academic disciplines, he returns to and rethinks past explications of the dream: that the dream state and waking reality are on an equal phenomenal footing; that the sensory world is the dream from which one must awaken by waking to the dream in which one is merely dreaming that one is awake.

**Avastin and Breast Cancer: A Case study in FDA Approval and Disapproval**

**Wednesday, February 29, 12:00 – 1:30 pm**
NYU Langone Medical Center, Smilow Multipurpose Room (1st Fl)
*RSVP not required ~ Lunch will be served*

*NYU School of Medicine Master Scholars / Medical Humanism Program Presents the Colloquium on Medical Ethics*

“Avastin and Breast Cancer: A Case study in FDA Approval and Disapproval”
Ruth Oratz, MD, FACP, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and Department of Medicine Firm Chief, NYU School of Medicine

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**PREVIOUSLY HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:**

**February 9 – March 5, 2012, When Push Comes to Shove**
An exhibit at the MSB Gallery, NYU Langone Medical Center
*Artist’s Statement: “These paintings observe the human condition and address social, emotional and psychological issues that often occur, are sometimes subtle and are not often discussed publicly. I believe continued inquiry and awareness of these ideas are principal to the type of care which is delivered in our medical community and to the actions we carry out in our daily lives and in our society. I am subsequently pleased and excited at the opportunity to perpetuate this inquiry and discussion within the NYU Langone Medical Center community through this exhibition at the MSB Gallery.” -Amy Tenenouser*

**Thursday, March 15, “WHACK’ed…and then everything was different”: Portraits of Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors**
6-8pm, (Opening Reception), NYU Langone Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, NY – MSB Gallery
(Medical Science Building – 1st Floor)
(show runs March-April 2012)
RSVP to: TBIportraitgalleryopening@biausa.org
A solo exhibition by Eliette Markhbein. In the artist’s words: “My show, WHACK’ed ... and then everything was different, honors traumatic brain injury survivors who changed perceptions of TBI and disability in general and became role models for millions of others. The series of large scale portraits personify the various causes of TBI as well as the diversity of people it affects.”

Friday, March 23, Interdisciplinary Conference at NYU – Structural Competency: New Medicine for the Institutional Inequalities that Make Us Sick
Conference 10:00am-5pm, Film Screening 5-6pm.
NYU Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, 20 Cooper Square, NY, NY, 10012
http://structuralcompetency.org/
This meeting is free and open to the public but space is limited. RSVP to structuralcompetency@aol.com
This one-day working conference will assemble multidisciplinary practitioners and theorists to explore a new paradigm, Structural Competency, that proposes that a host of clinical disorders (e.g. hypertension, obesity, smoking, medication “non-compliance,” post-traumatic syndromes, depression, psychosis) must be addressed as the downstream implications of upstream decisions (e.g. food delivery systems, housing discrimination, urban infrastructure failure, biocapitalism, diagnostic codes). Structural competency extends beyond cultural competency to address the pathologies of institutions and policies that result in maladaptive behaviors and biologies of individuals.
Jonathan Metzl, MD, Ph.D. and Helena Hansen, MD, Ph.D., Organizers
Speakers include Ernie Drucker, Mindy Fullilove, Bruce Link, Jo Phelan, Dalton Conley, Philippe Bourgois, Jack Geiger, Marc Gourevitch, Rayna Rapp, Emily Martin, Kim Hopper, Alondra Nelson and Brad Lewis.

Through March 31, 2012 – Shadow and Substance: African American Images from The Burns Archive
The 113 images in Shadow and Substance include portraits, snapshots and photographs documenting industries, property and events related to the African American experience from the beginning of photography to today.
New York State Museum: Cultural Education Center, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY
http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/exhibits/special/shadowandsubstance.cfm

March 30 -April 1, 2012 – 2012 Bioethics Conference: The Moral Brain
New York University, NYU Center for Bioethics
http://bioethics.as.nyu.edu/object/bioethics.events.20120330.conference
Part I: “The Significance of Neuroscience for Morality: Lessons from a Decade of Research”
Part II: "Can Moral Behavior be Improved or Enhanced?"

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