NEWS AND RESOURCES:

Division of Medical Humanities: Featured Writing
Among the NYU Department of Medicine’s faculty members is a cadre of distinguished writers. A series of “Featured Writing” by members of the faculty is now showcased on the Division of Medical Humanities website, with inaugural essays by two leading physician-authors, Dr. Barron Lerner and Dr. Jerome Lowenstein.

- “Why History of Medicine?” by Barron Lerner: “History is a key subject within the humanities and, not surprisingly, the history of medicine is a key subject within the medical humanities. What can history teach modern health care professionals?”
  http://medicine.med.nyu.edu/medhumanities/featured-writing/lerner-why-history-of-medicine

- “Gabrielle” by Jerome Lowenstein: “Her request seemed innocent enough. ‘Doc, I’m going to be eighteen very soon and I will be too old for the pediatric dialysis unit where I have been treated. Will you become my doctor and take care of me in the dialysis unit here?’”
  http://medicine.med.nyu.edu/medhumanities/featured-writing/lowenstein-gabrielle

Medical Humanities and Stroke
There is an exceptional movie (Amour, in French with English subtitles) currently playing that depicts, in a thoughtful and often understated way, many of the practical, day-to-day issues associated with neuro-degeneration in a loved one. This movie, in which two skillful octogenarian actors are the centerpiece, deals with themes of love, end of life, commitment, burdens on caregivers, assisted suicide, dignity, respect, aging, dying, and suffering. A must see for those interested in medical humanities. Another significant contribution on the humanities aspects of stroke can be found in the December edition of the British journal Medical Humanities in an article entitled “Narrating stroke: the life-writing and fiction of brain damage” (Medical Humanities 2012; 38:73-77; attached as PDF).

The Truth Behind Torture
Dr. Allen Keller, Director of the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture, took part in a HuffPost Live discussion about how torture is defined and perceived in American society and the new movie Zero Dark Thirty. Joining him in the discussion are a former Guantanamo guard and detainee, as well as an author and ethicist. Here is a link to the segment: http://live.huffingtonpost.com/r/segment/torture-zero-dark-thirty-american/50e472d702a76072fa00064f

OPPORTUNITIES:

The Netter Illustration Contest
“Can you create an illustration SO GOOD, it could replace one of Netter's original plates?”
Call for Presentations and Posters: 2013 Group on Diversity and Inclusion Professional Development Conference
The “call for proposals” deadline for the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion's annual professional development meeting is January 18th. The meeting will be held May 16-19, 2013 in Toronto. http://tinyurl.com/bay96rj

Free Webinar: “Report from the NIH Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce Implementation Team”
AAMC is sponsoring a free webinar on Wednesday, January 23 from 2:00-3:30pm ET on the “Report from the NIH Diversity in Biomedical Research Workforce Implementation Team.” Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., NIH Principal Deputy Director, will speak and Ann Bonham, Ph.D., AAMC Chief Scientific Officer, will moderate. Last year, the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director established a working group on diversity to identify immediate and long-term strategies for improving diversity of the NIH’s investigator pool. Dr. Tabak, a co-chair of the working group, will discuss a report of the NIH Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce implementation team with the rest of the time being dedicated to Q&A. Dr. Bonham was also a member of the working group. http://tinyurl.com/NIH-Diversity-Webinar (password: nih2013)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES:

Two Exhibitions: “Richard Golden, Dead Ends: NY” and “Chessmen”
January 3 – February 16
Robert Anderson Gallery, 24 West 57th Street, Suite 503, NYC
http://www.robertandersongallery.com/gallery/exhibitions/

Learning Lab on Unconscious Bias in the Health Professions
January 29-31
Cook Ross Inc Headquarters, Silver Spring, MD
AAMC's Diversity Policy and Programs cluster has partnered with Cook Ross to adapt a seminar on unconscious bias for health professions audiences. Cook Ross has developed an intensive and dynamic 3-day learning lab which examines how unconscious biases develop, how they influence perceptions and decision making, and their impact on institutional diversity and inclusion efforts. This unique professional development opportunity is aimed at diversity leaders in academic medicine and other professionals in healthcare and biomedical research.
https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/diversity/322996/lablearningonunconsciousbias.html

Doing bioethics in the real world—opportunities, pitfalls and rewards
Thursday, January 31, 6:15pm-7:30pm
Speaker: Arthur Caplan, Ph.D., Director, Division of Medical Ethics, NYU Langone Medical Center Morningside Campus (Room to be announced)
Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Columbia University Masters of Bioethics Program. To RSVP or request more information, please contact Patricia Contino at pc2561@columbia.edu

Neuroimaging: Ethical, Legal and Humanistic Dilemmas in the Struggle for Consciousness
Thursday, January 31, 6:00-7:30pm
Hofstra University, Guthart Theater
This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.
http://events.hofstra.edu/index.php?eid=1117
Sponsored by the Hofstra Bioethics Center and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.
A public lecture by Dr. Joseph Fins (Weill-Cornell) and Professor Hank Greely (Stanford Law) exploring the topics of neuroimaging and neuroethics. Advances in imaging technology have led to
greater utilization of imaging tools as a diagnostic and preventative resource to look at brain function within and outside of healthcare. Within healthcare settings, advances in technologies such as functional MRI’s (fMRI), PET (positron emission tomography) scans, SPECT (single photon emission computed tomography) scans and EEG’s (Electroencephalography) have shifted how various types of brain injuries are being diagnosed, defined and understood. Similarly, outside of the healthcare setting, these advances have also provided a gateway for studying how the brain functions while making decisions, including moral decisions. Alongside a wealth of newly acquired knowledge about brain function and brain mapping, comes a host of ethical and humanistic questions surrounding the clinical and predictive use of such tools within and outside of healthcare.

**ROUCH AFTER ROUCH: Reframing a Legacy**
Friday, February 1, 10am – 9pm
721 Broadway, 6th Floor
RSVP early to be assured a seat: cmch.info@nyu.edu
A symposium with scholars and filmmakers exploring the legacy of renowned French anthropologist/filmmaker Jean Rouch. This event was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy and was originally scheduled on November 2nd in conjunction with *Here and Elsewhere: The Films of Jean Rouch*, a two-part Rouch retrospective at the French Institute/Alliance Française and Anthology Film Archives, November, 2012.
**Schedule and more information:** [http://www.cmchnyu.org/event/rouch-after-rouch-film-scholarship-legacy](http://www.cmchnyu.org/event/rouch-after-rouch-film-scholarship-legacy)

**Murray J. Berenson Distinguished Scholar in Doctor-Patient Communication Lecture**
Clarence Braddock, MD, Professor of Medicine, Associate Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education, Stanford University School of Medicine. Sponsored by The Program for Medical Education Innovations and Research (PrMEIR), NYU Langone Medical Center. Contact: Charity Hung.
**Tuesday February 5:** Dr. Braddock will be the guest presenter at the Department of Medicine Grand Rounds at 12pm, with the topic, *Shared decision making: can it reduce health disparities?* He will also lead a faculty workshop, *The case for shared decision making - ethics, practice, and policy,* 1:30PM to 3:00PM, Coles 101.
**Wednesday, February 6:**
9:00AM-11:00AM in Coles 109, Dr. Braddock will lead a resident-focused workshop, *Difficult conversations - strategies & techniques.*
12:00PM-2:00PM in Coles 109, Dr. Braddock will lead a lunch discussion, *Promoting shared decision making at the health system level - faculty and residents across three health care systems.*

**Thursday, February 14,** 6:30-8:30pm (followed by reception)
United Nations, 1st Avenue & 46th Street, Conference Room 3
RSVP required. See website for details.

Poverty, widespread violence, lack of educational opportunities and limited access to resources are marginalizing large segments of the population globally. Vulnerable people become easy prey to illicit trafficking, often leading to terrorist recruitment. The black market for organs and body parts is flourishing in India, China, South America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe in which the poor and desperate find their sole escape in selling their organs to the highest bidder. The World Health Organization estimates over 10,000 cases of illegal sales of organs in 2010, one organ trafficking incident per hour. The expert panel assembled for this urgent discussion will present a precedent-shaking trial case of doctors for organ trafficking, including the widespread organ “trade” from executed prisoners and unwilling donors. Organ trafficking is a significant health, foreign policy and national security issue – already recognized as a key danger marker by the international community.
**The Fred Hersch Ensemble performing My Coma Dreams**

**Saturday, March 2,** 3pm and 8pm performances

Miller Theatre, Columbia University Campus, 2960 Broadway, New York, NY  
Information: [www.millertheatre.com](http://www.millertheatre.com), or call 212.854.7799

Based on the personal experience of pianist/composer Fred Hersch, who survived a two-month medically induced coma, *My Coma Dreams* is an extraordinary jazz theater piece that explores the dividing line between life and death. *The New Republic*’s David Hajdu called the piece “serious, profoundly moving and sometimes disturbing, a work of dream art as elegant as Stravinsky’s ‘Petit Concert’ and as memorable as ‘Yesterday.’”

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