

MEDC 30030 / RETH 30030 Religious Perspectives on the Clinical Encounter**Spring 2018 (Mar 28 – May 30th)****Wed 1:30pm – 3:00pm M214 CHeSS Conference Room (Section of Hospital Medicine), Mitchell Hospital**
*(Enter through the Ellis Ave entrance near bookstore and work your way South, then West to the “A West” elevator to the 2nd floor. As soon as you leave the elevator, turn right and make immediate left into the hallway (Center for Health & Social Science). Conference room will be on your left.***Instructor: John D. Yoon, MD**

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Medicine is a moral practice, and suffering, illness, and dying are among the most deeply challenging of all human experiences. It is not surprising then that religious and spiritual traditions inform the ways many patients and clinicians understand, navigate, cope with, and make decisions related to illness. These traditions are a significant source of personal identity for some clinicians and also serve as a moral framework through which groups of patients and providers address challenges in healthcare. A burgeoning literature on the religious characteristics of clinicians delineates how clinicians' religious traditions and commitments can shape their clinical practices ([Program on Medicine and Religion](#)). Drawing from this literature and the primary course text, *Spirituality and Religion Within the Culture of Medicine* (Editors: Michael Balboni, PhD & John Peteet, MD, Oxford University Press, 2017), this course will provoke learners to consider the religious and spiritual dimensions of the clinician-patient relationship through the lens of different specialties and disciplines in medicine, while covering broad concepts relevant to the intersection of the clinical encounter with religion (the Abrahamic traditions of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism). Guest speakers will also enrich the course by sharing a clinical encounter that addresses, and/or personal perspective on, how their own religious tradition attends to the question, “*How does one become a good clinician (healer)?*”

Course Materials:

The primary course text will be: Balboni, Michael & Peteet, John (Editors), [Spirituality and Religion Within the Culture of Medicine: From Evidence to Practice](#). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). A companion course packet of selected mandatory readings will be also be made available through Canvas.

Course Requirements and Grading (Pass/Fail).

This course is offered as a pass/fail elective credit course for Pritzker 1st year medical students, and is also available for graduate credit in the Divinity School. To receive a passing grade, students are to complete 1 of 2 options below:

1. **Reflective participation:** Students can elect the option of participating in Appreciative Inquiry sessions (3 total) during the quarter. Students will write 1–1.5 page personal responses (single spaced; can be longer, but max 1500 words) to any key idea in the course (drawn either from the readings, group discussions, or guest speakers) that is having a formative influence on their perspectives of religion/spirituality and the clinical encounter. Students will then have the opportunity to share these reflections to the group for further feedback and discussion.
2. **Final paper.** Students can write a final paper (10-12 pp. double-spaced) that synthesizes and evaluates ideas discussed in the course with a clear thesis and argument. Alternatively, the final paper offers the opportunity to research a topic related to religion/spirituality and medicine in a way that explicitly engages particular religious tradition in addressing a contemporary ethical issue (see Optional Readings below for a [Dropbox link](#) to some pertinent resources).

Speakers for 2018 (M214 CHeSS Conference Room):

*Format: Discussions on readings will be facilitated by Instructor and assigned student(s) for the first period of each session, and then followed by formal lecture and Q/A by guest speaker (if applicable)

Wed Mar 28 th	John Yoon, MD (Course Introduction: Religious Perspectives on the Clinical Encounter) <i>Assistant Professor of Medicine</i>
Wed Apr 4 th	Aasim Padela, MD (Islamic Theological Perspectives on Health, Medicine, and Ethics) <i>Associate Professor of Medicine</i>
Wed Apr 11 th	Elijah Mueller, PhD (Byzantine Traditions and Medicine) <i>Orthodox Christian Fellowship, The University of Chicago</i>
Wed Apr 18 th	Laurie Zoloth, PhD (Jewish Perspectives on the Clinical Encounter) <i>Dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School</i>
Wed Apr 25 th	Daniel Kim, MA, MPH (Medicine and Christianity in Late Modernity: The Vocation and Common Good Project) <i>PhD Candidate in Religious Ethics</i>
Wed May 2 nd	Aasim Padela, MD, MSc (An Ethical Debate: Role for Religion in the Clinical Encounter?) <i>Associate Professor of Medicine</i>
Wed May 9 th	Myron Erickson, MDiv (Chaplaincy and the Spiritual Care of Patients and Clinicians) <i>Advocate Health Care</i>
Wed May 16 th	M. Jeanne Wirpsa, MA, BCC (The Role of Chaplaincy in Medical Decision-Making) <i>Northwestern University</i>
Wed May 23 th	Ekaterina Lomperis, MDiv (History of Medicine and Early Protestantism) <i>PhD Candidate in Theology</i>
Wed May 30 th	Michael Hawking, MD, MA (Catholicism, Medicine, and Bioethics) <i>PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident</i>

Course Schedule: All lectures/discussions will be on Wednesdays 1:30-3:00pm in M-214

Week 1 (March 28): Course Introduction: Religious Perspectives on the Clinical Encounter (Yoon)

- Read Balboni & Peteet, "Introduction" (pg.1-14).
- Read Curlin, "Religion and Spirituality in Medical Ethics"
- Read VanderWeele, "Religion and Health: A Synthesis"
- **Speaker: John Yoon, MD**

Week 2 (April 4): Islamic Theological Perspectives on Health, Medicine and Ethics (Padela)

- Read Rahman, Fazlur. Health and Medicine in the Islamic Tradition Chapters 1 and 2
- Padela, AI, Gunter, K., Killawi, A. and Heisler, M. Religious Values and Healthcare Accommodations: Voices from the American Muslim Community. *Journal of Gen Internal Medicine* 2012; 27:708-715.
- **Speaker: Aasim Padela, MD, MSc**

Week 3 (April 11): Byzantine Traditions and Medicine

- Read St. Basil's "The Long Rules"
- Read Cuceu: "The Physician and Community of Faithful in the Integrated Care of the Mentally Ill: An Orthodox Christian Discussion of the Physician's Moral and Professional Obligations"
- **Guest Speaker: Elijah Mueller, PhD**

Week 4 (April 18): Jewish Perspectives on the Clinical Encounter

- Jakobovitz, I. Jewish Medical Ethics – a brief overview. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 1983; 9: 109-112. doi: 10.1136/jme.9.2.109
- Gillick, M. R. Artificial nutrition and hydration in the patient with advanced dementia: Is withholding treatment compatible with traditional Judaism? *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2001; 27(1): 12–15.
- **Guest Speaker: Laurie Zoloth, PhD**

Week 5 (April 25): Medicine and Christianity in Late Modernity: The Vocation and Common Good Project

- Read Kim & Yoon: "Faithful Presence in Medicine: Report for the Vocation & Common Good Project"
- Read McCarty & Kinghorn, "Medicine, Religion, and Spirituality in Theological Context"
- Read Hauerwas, "Salvation and Health"
- **Guest Speaker: Daniel Kim, MA, MPH**

Week 6 (May 2): An Ethical Debate: Is there a role for Religion in the Clinical Encounter?

- Read: Koenig, Harold G. *Medicine, Religion and Health: Where Science and Spirituality Meet*. West Conshohocken: Templeton Press, 2008. [Ch 1-4]
- Read: Sloan, Richard P. *Blind Faith: The Unholy Alliance of Religion and Medicine*. St. Martin's Griffin, 2008. [Ch 10,11,14]
- **Speaker: Aasim Padela, MD, MSc**

Week 7 (May 9): Religion, Chaplaincy and the Spiritual Care of Patients and Clinicians

- Read Dugdale & Sulmasy, "Religion and Spirituality in Internal Medicine"
- Read Balboni et al, "Religion, Spirituality, and the Hidden Curriculum"
- **Guest Speaker: Myron Erickson, MDiv**

Week 8 (May 16): The Role of the Chaplain in Medical Decision-Making

- Read Orr, R. Responding to patient beliefs in miracles. *Southern Medical Journal* 2007.
- Read Balboni & Balboni, "Religion and Spirituality in Palliative Medicine"
- **Guest Speaker: M. Jeanne Wirpsa, MA, BCC**

Week 9 (May 23): History of Medicine and Early Protestantism

- Read Ferngren, "Medicine and Spirituality: A Historical Perspective (pg. 305-324)
- Read Lomperis, "Essential Readings in Medicine and Religion: Ch. 7 Early Modern Period
- **Guest Speaker: Ekaterina Lomperis, MDiv**

Week 10 (May 30): Catholicism, Medicine and Bioethics

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*. Fifth Edition, 2009.
- Pellegrino, E. The Physician's Conscience, Conscience Clauses, and Religious Belief: A Catholic Perspective. *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 2002; 30 (1): 221-244.
- **Guest Speaker: Michael Hawking, MD, MA**
- Class Reading: Weinberg, "On Being a Doctor: Communion"

Optional Readings: For additional resources related to medicine, religion and bioethics from various religious traditions, further articles are found in a series called "*Religious Traditions and Healthcare Decisions*" by the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith and Ethics. Dropbox link here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9zkaer5>

- The Anabaptist tradition / edited by Joseph J. Kotva Jr. 2002.
- The Assemblies of God Tradition / edited by Edith L. Blumhofer. 2002.
- The Buddhist tradition / by Paul David Numrich. 2001
- The Christian Science tradition / edited by Deborah Harris-Abbott & Stephen Gottschalk. 2002.
- The Church of God in Christ tradition / edited by Frederick L. Ware & Chere B. Hall. 2003.
- The Episcopal tradition / edited by Cynthia B. Cohen. 2002.
- The Hindu tradition / by Arvind Sharma. 2002
- The Islamic tradition / by Earle H. Waugh. 1999
- The Jehovah's Witness tradition / edited by Edwin R. DuBose & M. James Penton, 2002.
- The Jewish tradition / by Elliot N. Dorff. 2002.
- The Latter-day Saints tradition / edited by Deborah Abbott. 2002
- The Lutheran tradition / edited by Deborah Abbott & Paul Nelson, 2002.
- The Orthodox Christian tradition / by Stanley Samuel Harakas, 1999.
- The Presbyterian tradition / edited by Abigail Rian Adams, 2002.
- The Roman Catholic tradition / edited by Ronald P. Hamel & Kevin O'Rourke, 2002.
- The Seventh-day Adventist Tradition / edited by Edwin R. DuBose & James W. Walters. 2002.
- The Southern Baptist Tradition / edited by Paul D. Simmons, 2002.
- The United Church of Christ tradition / by Arlene K. Nehring. 2001.
- The United Methodist tradition / edited by Edwin R. DuBose. 2002.